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Wilmington girls soccer fans show their dedication

◀ Fans of Wilmington girls soccer hold posters to cheer on their favorite players.

▼ Fans of Wilmington girls soccer broke out the umbrellas for Monday night's game at Wilmington High School. They are seeded 4th in the MIAA tournament and defeated the East Bridgewater Vikings 3-0 to advance in the tournament. (Joe Brown photos)



Elementary school principals present plan to School Committee for this school year and next

By NOELLE BLACK
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The School Committee heard a presentation by the Wilmington Elementary School principals at their Nov. 5 meeting. The principals were there to present their plan for the 25/26 and 26/27 school years. They explained that they created this plan collaboratively to align all of their schools with the district's strategic plan.

The plan consists of three goals. The principals' first goal is to improve attendance. Specifically, their hope is, "By spring of 2027, there will be a 20% decrease in the number of students absent 10 or more days".

They also hope to improve families' understanding of the district's attendance policy. In order to do this, they will ensure that these policies are made available to parents in their own home languages. They stated that there will be a focus on both digital and physical

platforms to promote accessibility and communication.

Next, they detailed their second goal: strengthening small group instruction in literacy and math.

By doing so, they believe that student growth progress could exceed 50%. One principal noted that this progress would be closely monitored using their universal screening tools.

The final goal in this plan aims to increase family satisfaction with communication by 20%. In order to do so, the principals stated their intention to perform a survey among elementary school families in the district. This survey would be done once this winter and then again in the winter of 2027.

After they finished the presentation, the School Committee had questions for the principals.

Stephen Turner wanted to know what the current levels were for students with 10 or more absences. The principals explained that, in the 23/24 school year, chronic absenteeism was at 9.1%.

During the 24/25 school year, however, that number was brought down to 7.2%. They still aim to get it lower, they went on, but these figures are already promising.

"The importance of atten-

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Wilmington's MCAS scores meet or exceed state average

By NOELLE BLACK
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The School Committee heard this year's MCAS report at their most recent meeting on Nov. 5.

The presentation was delivered by Christine Elliott, the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Staff Development for Wilmington Public Schools. Key to this report was the comparison of pre-pandemic scores to those of this past spring.

Elliott explained that the information was com-

pared by Open Architects, a data visualization program for school districts.

Overall, MCAS scores in both ELA and Math lowered since before the pandemic. ELA took a more noticeable hit than Math, she pointed out, but this could partially be attributed to the recent transition from one ELA program to another. Science scores, conversely, rose compared to pre-pandemic levels.

"You can see that we have definitely made some progress," said Elliott.

The report then broke

down the MCAS results by grade level, showing the trajectory of scores over time. David Ragsdale of the School Committee called attention to the fact that the data for this section of the presentation only extended to the 20/21 school year.

"It looks to me like this is not showing 2019 data," Ragsdale clarified.

Elliott went on to show that post-pandemic MCAS scores in Wilmington meet or exceed the state average in every category. However, she noted that there is work to be done, especially in elementary

level ELA.

In reference to the 3rd and 4th grade ELA scores, Elliott mentioned, "Writing is our largest area of weakness and this is not news to us."

The new ELA program, though, does seem to have had a positive effect, she went on to say.

The presentation next moved on to middle school results. Elliott called attention to those of the 8th grade, particularly the science scores which "are on an upward trajectory while the state scores

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Three candidates listed as finalists for permanent superintendent position

By NOELLE BLACK
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The School Committee met on Nov. 5 to discuss a series of matters. To begin the meeting, the committee heard the Wilmington High School representatives' report.

First, the representatives applauded the cast and crew of Frankenstein for selling out two shows on Halloween weekend.

Next, they congratulated the varsity girls' soc-

cer team and cheer team on being the 2025 Middlesex League champions. Additionally, the WHS golf team won their sectional championship for the first time in 22 years.

A special thank you was then given to those who organized the Socktober sock donation drive this past October.

Finally, the student representatives mentioned the upcoming holiday toy collection drive coordinated by WHS and the Wilmington Fire Depart-

ment. The drive takes place from Nov. 17-Dec. 5 in the main lobby of the Wilmington High School.

Interim Superintendent David Thomson then began his report.

First, he gave the enrollment numbers for WPS this year, which were up 25 students from last year. WHS, specifically, was up 15 from last year. These numbers, committee members agreed, were very positive.

Vice-chair Jennifer Bryson theorized that, as more

students are satisfied in elementary and middle school, more of them will choose to stay in the Wilmington Public School system.

A short update on the middle school building project was then given, citing a press release from Nov. 1 that detailed the final design phase the project is in.

Thomson moved on to the end-of-year report, shortly discussing the dif-

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Wilmington Library News:

Library opened a Little Free Pantry in front lobby

Adult Programs

Drop-in Tech Help

Tuesday, November 18, 2pm
Wednesday, November 19, 2pm
Thursday, November 20, 2pm
Saturday, November 22, 2pm

Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Needleworkers at Night

Monday, November 17, 6-8pm

These nighttime sessions are perfect for anyone who does any kind of needle craft but can't make it to Needleworkers during the day! Drop-in.

Cookin' the Books

Tuesday, November 18, 12-1pm

If you love to cook and enjoy talking about food and sharing recipes, then this group is for you! Grab a copy of the cookbook, register on the library's event calendar, and record your recipe. Bring your dish to the meeting and enjoy sampling everyone's dishes! Featured Cookbook: no specific cookbook for this meeting. Choose an appetizer that you might have for Thanksgiving.

Novel Ideas

Thursday, November 20, 7pm

Enjoy reading fiction? Join the library's fiction book group led by Adult Services Librarian Erin. Please stop by the library to pick up a copy of the featured book. Featured Book: Fire Keeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley.

Needleworkers

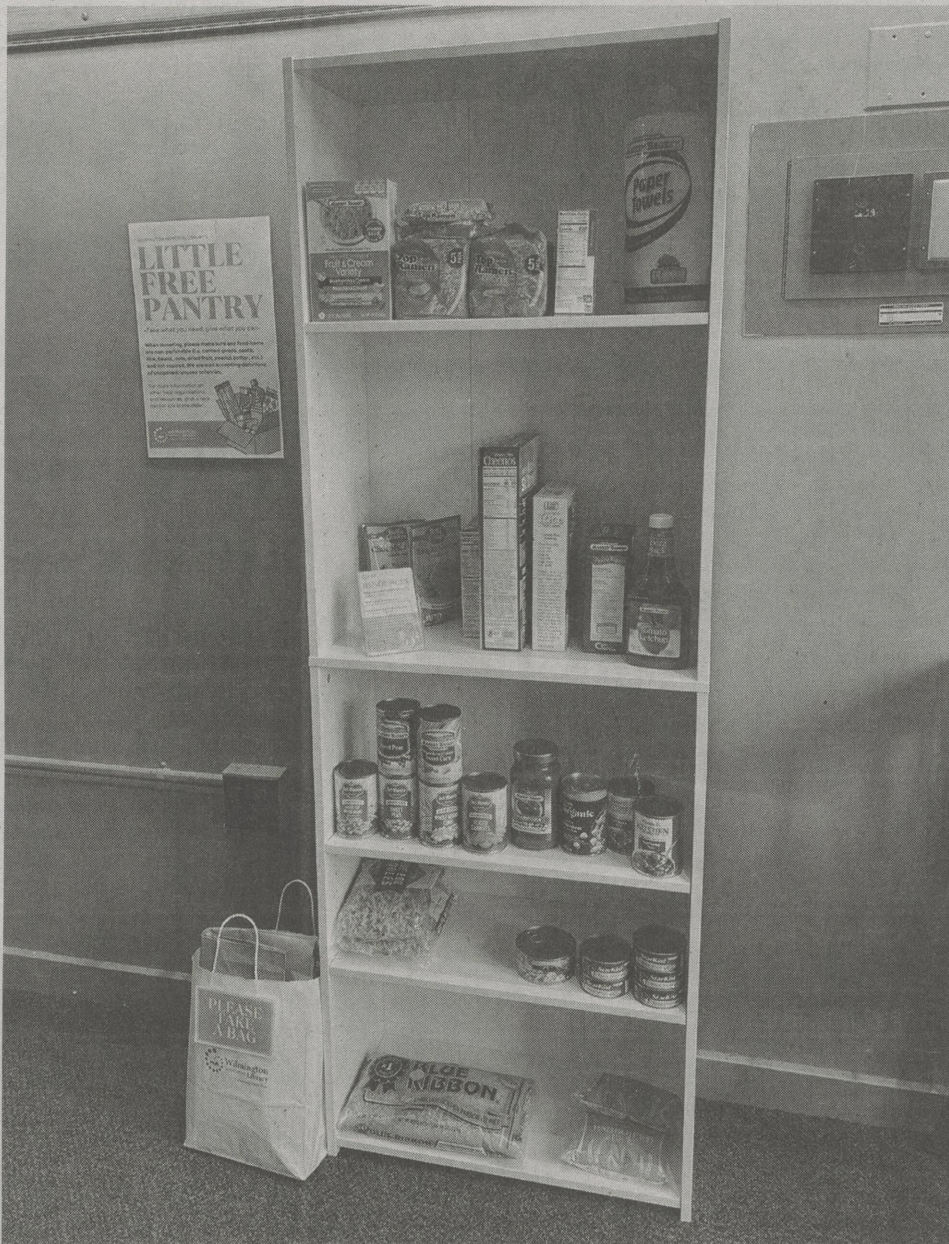
Friday, November 21, 10am-12pm

This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy conversation and camaraderie. Drop-in.

Youth Programs

Wilmington Community Playgroup

Monday, November 17, 10am
Join Community Teamwork Family Resource Network for a community playgroup where we'll work on Early Literacy skills and much, much more! Ask CTI about any resources they can help



▲ Wilmington Memorial Library has opened a Little Free Pantry in our front lobby. Take what you need, give what you can! (Courtesy photo)

provide for you and your family. Ages 0-6, siblings welcome

Preschool Storytime

Tuesday, November 18, 10am

Join us at our Preschool Storytime! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 3-6

Wicked Watch

Tuesday, November 18, 5pm

Join us for an interactive rewatch of Wicked with props, pizza and singing along to celebrate the upcoming release of Wicked: For Good! Grades 6-12

Hunting for Scholarships

Tuesday, November 18, 6pm

In this workshop, Tom O'Hare, independent college advisor, will walk attendees through how to find and apply for private external scholarships. Grades 9-12 & Adults

Time for Twos

Wednesday, November 19, 10am

Time for Twos includes books, rhymes, music and movement for children aged 2! Age 2

Baby Time

Thursday, November 20, 10am

Join us at our Baby Time! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 0-23 months

Manga Tryouts

Thursday, November 20, 3:30pm

Have a say in manga purchased for the teen collection with this club! During each meeting, we'll

sample 1st volumes of different manga and vote on whether it should be added to WML's collection. Grades 6-12

Playful Pathways: Our House

Friday, November 21, 11am

During our Life Skills/Home Unit, practice chores and routines. Using their fine motor skills, children will sort, clean, tie and play at this Playful Pathways event! Ages 0-5

Switch it Up!

Friday, November 21, 3:45pm

Love video games? Come to this once-a-month video game club to play Switch

games with friends! Grades 1-5

Saturday Teen Movie

Saturday, November 22, 2pm

It's getting dark early which means it's time for a cozy Saturday movie! Vote for your favorite movie, then enjoy popcorn and hot chocolate. Grades 6-12

Additional Information

Little Free Pantry Now Open!

In response to the SNAP Benefits freeze, Wilmington Memorial Library has opened a Little Free Pantry in our front lobby. This community shelf is open to everyone — take what you need, give what you can — no questions asked. When donating, please make sure any food items are non-perishable (i.e. canned goods, pasta, rice, beans, etc.) and not expired. We are also accepting donations of unopened/unused toiletries. Pantry can be found in the library front foyer. (Please note this is a temporary initiative during the SNAP Benefits freeze. When benefits resume, any remaining items will be donated to a local food pantry.)

Happening Now:

Fleece Fest Collection!

Grown out of your winter coat? Donate it to the library's winter coat drive to help it find a new home! Bring lightly worn kids (incl. babies & toddlers) and teen coats to the library between 11/1-12/8. Come back on Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. to pick out a new coat (no donation required).

Pages for Pastries

This reading challenge (for adults) is pretty simple and sweet: read and review books for the chance to win a \$25 gift card to a local bakery! Fill out a bookmark, available at the library and online, for every book you read, then bring it back to the library in exchange for a raffle ticket. Three lucky partic-

ipants will win gift cards to area bakeries! Running from Nov. 1 through the 24.

New Assisted Listening System

The Wilmington Memorial Library is pleased to announce that an assisted listening system is now available for events held in the Stewart Room. The system can be used in three different ways. For patrons without hearing aids or cochlear implants, there are headphones. For patrons with aids or implants that have a T-Coil, there are neck loops. For patrons who have paired their aids or implants with their phone, there's an app, WaveCast. Please contact the library (or technology librarians) for more information.

Book Store Next Door

Celebrate the winter holidays with the Friends of the Library Bookstore Next Door! All November and December holiday-themed books are half-off to help you give the gift of literature this season. While the store will be open for last-minute shopping on Saturday, Dec. 20, it will be closed the following dates: Wednesday, Nov. 26, Wednesday, Dec. 24, Saturday, Dec. 27 and Wednesday, Dec. 31. In January, the Bookstore Next Door will be open Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March.

Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list by visiting www.wilmingtonlibrary.org/services/mp.

WML In-Person & Virtual Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs and is required for all virtual programs, as you will need to register in order to receive the Zoom link. You can register on our website at www.wilmingtonlibrary.org or by calling (978) 658-2967.

News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

NEW PROGRAMMING JUST FOR YOU!

All About the Flavors Episode 18 —

3 Sides to Thanksgiving! It's November which means that it's time to start preparing your menu for Thanksgiving! If you want to elevate your dishes or it's your first time hosting, Bob Hamel has three side dishes to bring your meal to another level!

Where's Wilmington Episode 196 — Wellcare

Chiropractic Center

On this episode, host Lisa Kapala-Egan discusses health and wellness with Chiropractor, Dr. Leslee Quick of Wellcare Chiropractic Center here in Wilmington. Dr. Quick shares copious information about chiropractic care, mind body connection, new treatment modalities and what you can expect when you visit a chiropractor.

*These programs can be viewed on WCTV channels or on WCTV's Youtube channel: WCTVWilmington.

Meetings covered by WCTV:

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.

School Committee
View on: Verizon channel 38 and Comcast channel 22.

Thursday, Nov. 20, 7 p.m.

special Town Meeting

*At Wilmington High School
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Questions about WCTV? Contact: info@wctv.

It's Your Money by Todd Brisbois



Frequently asked questions about the Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit

PART I

What energy efficiency requirements must be met to qualify for the credit? To qualify for the credit, certain property must meet certain energy efficiency requirements:

- Exterior windows and skylights: must meet Energy Star most efficient certification requirements.
- Exterior doors: must meet applicable Energy Star requirements.
- Insulation materials or systems (including air sealing materials or systems): must meet the prescriptive criteria established by the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) standard in effect as of the beginning of the calendar year that is 2 years prior to the calendar year in which such materials or systems are placed in service. For example, materials or systems placed in service in 2025 must meet the criteria established by the IECC standard in effect as of Jan. 1, 2023, to qualify for the credit in 2025.
- Electric or natural gas heat pump water heaters, electric or natural gas heat pumps, central air conditioners, natural gas, propane, or oil water heaters, natural gas, propane, or oil furnaces or hot water boilers: must meet or exceed the highest efficiency tier (not including any advanced tier) established by the Consortium for Energy Efficiency (CEE) that is in effect as of the beginning of the calendar year in which the property is placed in service. For split system heat pumps with both an indoor and outdoor component to be eligible for the credit, the entire system (indoor and outdoor components) must be installed and must meet the applicable CEE requirements. Presented as a service to the community by

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Boston Metro Hi-Railers Train Club hosts Open House on Saturday, Dec. 6

WILMINGTON — The Boston Metro Hi-Railers train club invites the public to see model trains run on its massive 'Lionel' O-gauge layout in Wilmington. In addition to the main layout, which has up to five trains running at once, two additional smaller

► Boston Metro Hi-Rail members Bill Lawler (left) and Bob Freeman (right) work on scenery elements. (Courtesy photo)

kid-friendly layouts are set up just for this event, with lots of animated in-



dustries and visitor-controlled accessories to delight guests of all ages.

2025 is the 200th anniversary of the first railroads, and is also the 125th anniversary of Lionel, one of the oldest and largest manufacturers of model trains in the US, so it's an extra special time to come visit the train club! Model trains will be running all day, traveling up and down hills, over bridges, through tunnels, and past cities and stations representing actual northeast locales. Admission to the Open

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November 13, Tewksbury Indoor Community Market, Senior Center, 4 - 7 p.m. Vendors, food trucks and more! Tewksburymarket.com

December 5, Holiday Tree Lighting, Tewksbury Common, 5 - 7 p.m., Bring an unwrapped toy to donate. Marshmallow roasting, ice sculpture, hot cocoa, and more!

Upcoming local events

December 13, VFW Post 8164 Kids Xmas Party, up to age 10 years old. 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at TJ Callahan's Function Room. Join us for crafts, food, and a visit from Santa and the Grinch. Bring wrapped gift with child's name. RSVP Dec. 5. 978.284.9880 or 781.727.3340.

Until December 15 - Coat Drive, Tewksbury Health Department, lower level. New or clean, gently used coats will be collected.

December 18, Tewksbury Indoor Community Market, Senior Center, 4 - 7 p.m. Vendors, food trucks and more! Tewksburymarket.com

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Public Health Museum, Thursdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., 365 East St. on the campus of Tewksbury Hospital. Publichealthmuseum.org

Book Store Next Door, Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The

Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Wilmington Public Library. All proceeds support library programs. Next to Wilmington Public Library.

Sundays, Lowell Streetcar Museum, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Adults \$3, seniors and youth age 3-12 \$2, children under 3 are free. Cash only. 25 Shattuck St., Lowell.

Wilmington Town Museum, Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem St. (Route 62), Wilmington

Middlesex Canal Museum, Saturdays and Sundays, Noon - 4 p.m., 71 Faulkner St., North Billerica

Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union awards \$1,500 to the Public Health Museum

LOWELL — Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union is pleased to present the Public Health Museum with a donation of \$1,500

as the third quarter winner of the Credit Union's Give-A-Click campaign.

The Give-A-Click program runs quarterly on the We Share a Common Thread Foundation website (WSACT.com). Community members visit the site, learn about the worthy non-profit nominees, and cast their votes for the organization they would like to support. The program with the most votes at the end of the quarter is awarded a \$1,500 donation from the Foundation. The third-quarter nominees included Public Health Museum, Kids in Tech, and Refuge Art School.

The Public Health Museum, located on the grounds of the former Tewksbury Hospital, educates the public on the advances and achievements of public health.

"We are so excited and grateful to win this donation," said Amy Consalvi, President, Public Health Museum. "The purpose of the Museum is to celebrate the advances of public health and the powerful impact it has on all of us. This gift will go right back into the community supporting public health programs and education. Thank you to everyone who cast their vote for us!"

for us!"

"We take great pride in how our Give-A-Click program highlights community organizations and resources. We're thrilled that this donation will help the Public Health Museum advance its mission," said Larissa C. Thurston, President and Chief Executive Officer at Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union.

Community members can now cast their vote for Jeanne D'Arc's fourth quarter Give-A-Click nominees. The nominees for this quarter's campaign are Tres Sueños Morados, Black Dog Theatre Co., and The Lapointe Foundation.

About Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union:

Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union was established in 1912 and is a full-service, community-based financial cooperative. Locally owned by more than 100,000 members with \$2.2 billion in assets, Jeanne D'Arc operates eight full-service branches in Lowell, Dracut (2), Tyngsboro, Chelmsford, Methuen, and Westford, and Nashua, New Hampshire; high-school branches at Lowell High, Dracut High, and Nashua High School South; a loan center in Lowell; and a mortgage center in Chelmsford.



▲Amy Consalvi, President, Public Health Museum, accepts the Q3 2025 Give-A-Click prize of \$1,500.



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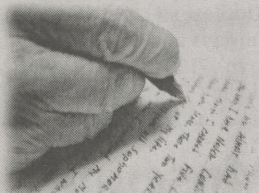
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Letter to the editor

Demolishing the Buzzell goes against will of the people

To the editor, "Scope Creep" happens when stakeholders add more deliverables. Current evidence of scope creep seems to be that the Select Board and Town Manager's office have suggested that the disposition of the Buzzell School is within scope of the Town Hall and School Administration (THSA) Building project, specifically that the removal of that building is a part of site preparation, and demolition should be funded as part of the contingency funds.

This is in direct contradiction to the discussions and assurances at the 2022 special town meeting.

First, demolition was NOT included as a part of the plan approved by voters in the November 2022 special town meeting. It was not considered as part of "site preparation" at the time of the vote, and the new building was specifically configured to be down the slope from the old Senior Center to allow for reuse of the Buzzell.

When Wilmington gathered to approve funding for the new Senior Center and the Town Hall, multiple people in the public forum discussed ramifications for the Buzzell School building.

George Hooper, Superintendent of Public Buildings said as part of his opening remarks (23:50), "One thing Wilmington's good at is re-use, and we can repurpose some of these buildings."

As members of the community questioned how the building might be reused (1:17-1:22), the community wondered if funds from the THSA project could be used for improvements on the adjacent Buzzell School.

The answer from the Town Moderator was "That would be outside the scope of the article and require a separate town vote."

Later in the meeting, when addressing the needs of our aging buildings, Town Manager Hull stated, "We have a lot of buildings that are going to need addressed... this is why we have maintained free cash in reserves."

A building re-use committee was spooled up to investigate the viability, costs, community sentiment around re-use, and potential uses for Buzzell School. Their findings were presented on Sept. 22, 2025. The findings were that the building scored a 62/100, demonstrating high viability for re-use. The community sentiment survey with around 777 respondents revealed about 2:1 IN FAVOR of building reuse, with suggested uses via municipal departmental needs (specific needs expressed by the library, recreation department, and historical commission archival space),

lease agreement to local non-profit WCTV, or lease to a local fraternal society.

Somehow, the new Superintendent of Buildings (George Hooper having retired) concluded his remarks with no recommendation, despite the high favorability from the community. He presented the Select Board with a cost estimate to upgrade the building to code, in the event that ADA compliance were a priority, even though it hadn't been ADA compliant as a senior center for 40 years!

His final comments pivoted that he would rather not put money into an older building worth less than \$600k, saying the decision should be purely financial, and not emotional. This violates my sensibilities, saying that we can't assign intrinsic value to buildings and recognize form in addition to function, or incorporate sentimental rationale for maintaining older (even "historic") buildings.

My observation is that spending around \$100k to do asbestos abatement and demolition of a 6-room school building already worth \$600k is a loss of \$700k worth of value. Instead, a little work, perhaps from students at Shawsheen Tech, can help bring the building up to code with new wiring, insulation, and ADA compliance, and provide well-positioned space. Furthermore, rushing into demolition is irreversible.

Second, funds to demolish and remove the Buzzell School cannot simply be swept up as "site preparation." The THSA building is nearing completion, the Buzzell School has been upgraded to town sewer. There is literally no functional impact to the new building by leaving the Buzzell in place.

Further, the OPM expressed concern that the demolition of the building was not in the original plan, and they felt uncomfortable accepting building demolition as a routine change order. When previous schools were ordered demolished, the instructions and funds allocated for demolition were approved by town vote.

In May 2015, a voice vote approved demolishing the 1904 Whitefield School. In May 2009, a two-thirds vote approved demolishing the 1914 Swain School (114:43).

Treating the THSA contingency fund as a backdoor to fund demolition of the Buzzell goes against the will of the people, is not necessary, and deprives our town of much-needed affordable space.

Joe Jackson

Reduced heat pump electricity rates available for households across Massachusetts

BOSTON — The Healey-Driscoll Administration joined with Eversource, National Grid and Unitil to raise awareness about new electric heat pump rates as the winter heating season begins. Governor Maura Healey called for expanded heat pump rates in her Energy Affordability Agenda announced in March. Starting this winter, the seasonal reduced rates are available to residential customers of the three major utilities who heat their homes with heat pumps, one of the most efficient forms of heating.

Over 100,000 customers who have installed heat pumps after Jan. 1, 2019, and received a Mass Save incentive were automatically enrolled in the heat pump rate, starting Nov. 1, 2025. Close collaboration between Eversource, National Grid and Unitil — under the direction of the Healey-Driscoll Administration — has made this benefit possible.

"We're delivering more energy cost savings this winter — and more than 100,000 people will see their bills reduced starting this month," said Governor Maura Healey. "Earlier this year, I called on the DPU to find solutions that lower costs for residents, and the approval of this heat pump rate is a strong example of that work in action. But we need to do more, which is why I filed energy affordability legislation to get more costs off bills and bring more energy into Massachusetts."

"Massachusetts residents and families will see real benefits from this seasonal heat pump rate," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "This is an important step toward making energy efficiency more affordable and accessible."

"Heat pumps are more efficient and reduce the strain on our grid in the summer," said Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "The seasonal heat pump rate helps residents lower their winter electricity costs at no cost to other customers, while using less energy to heat and cool your home."

"The new heat pump rates will make energy-efficient heating more accessible," said Energy Resources Commissioner Elizabeth Mahony. "As DOER's January petition argued, a heat pump rate will make upgrading your home more affordable, especially as heat pump adoption takes off across the state."

Autoenrollment Process

The reduced rate will be in effect for qualifying customers November 1 through April 30. During the summer months, heat pump customers will have the same rate as non-heat pump customers.

Eversource, National Grid and Unitil residential electric customers who installed a heat pump through a Mass Save program after January 1, 2019, are automatically enrolled in the heat pump rate and should have received written notification from their respective utility by this past Saturday, Nov. 1.

Customers who use a heat pump but did not receive this notification, likely because they did not install their heat pumps through the Mass Save program or installed one before Jan. 1, 2019, should visit their electric utility's heat pump rate webpage for details and enrollment information:

Eversource: eversource.com/heat-pump-rate

National Grid: ngrid.com/heatpump-rate

Unitil: unitil.com/mass-heat-pump-rate

"In 2023, when we sought approval for the first utility-offered heat pump in Massachusetts, we saw an opportunity to make the adoption of this technology more cost effective for our customers," said Katherine Bourque, Senior Vice President, External Affairs and Chief Customer Officer at Unitil. "Heat pump rates help households better manage their energy costs while supporting the Commonwealth's clean energy goals, and we are pleased to see expansion of the concept statewide."

"With electrification of the heating sector in Massachusetts expected to continue progressing, an electric heat pump rate just makes sense for customers," said Penni Conner, Executive Vice President of Customer Experience and Energy Strategy at Eversource. "This seasonal rate removes a key financial barrier to adopting heat pumps, which is higher winter electric usage, and allows customers with heat pumps to better manage their energy expenses while ensuring costs are shared equitably. Solutions like this are essential to achieving the Commonwealth's clean energy goals while keeping affordability top of mind, and we appreciate the Administration's support and focus on this critical issue."

"National Grid is committed to providing the safe, reliable, and affordable energy our customers expect," said Bill Malee, Chief Customer Officer at National Grid. "We're proud to team up with the Healey-Driscoll Administration and fellow Massachusetts utili-

ties to offer a new winter heat pump rate — helping residential heat pump users save on electricity and manage their winter bills."

How It Works

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These seasonal rates are lower than the standard base distribution rates from the electric utilities. The new rates for heat pump households will have no financial impact on other electric customers: non-heat pump households will not pay more for electricity this winter because of the new rate.

For more information about the heat pump rate, please visit MassSave.com/heat-pump-rate.

Massachusetts residents interested in upgrading to clean, all-in-one heating and cooling solutions are encouraged to take advantage of affordable, energy-efficient heat pumps and the new seasonal heat pump rate for their homes.

Learn more at MassSave.com/heatpump.

Don't demolish Buzzell School, former senior center

To the editor, I've been a resident of Wilmington for 75 years. All the schools I attended except for one have been demolished. The only one left is the Buzzell School, former Senior Center.

I just don't understand why Wilmington has to destroy all Wilmington's memories. The Buzzell School has so many great memories for the seniors of Wilmington. We spent many years there making wonderful friendships. Yes, there were a few days when the heating system wasn't working properly, but if a building full of 70, 80 and 90 year olds could bear it then other organizations can, too.

The renovations to the kitchen are beautiful. One big reason a new center was needed was space and

privacy for personal meetings with residents in need.

It's a beautiful building sitting up on a hill on School Street. Don't destroy this building especially to put a parking lot in it's place.

I can't believe that the few people on the Select Board can make such a poor decision when so many of the towns people have shown their interest in keeping it active.

Please go to the special town meeting on Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. and let your voices be heard. I love my town and I'm tired of all these poor decisions. I've always had great faith in our Select Board but not so much lately.

Sincerely,
Janice Murray

Book Stew Review

'Heart the Lover' by Lily King

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

Could this one possibly

be as good as her earlier novel Writers and Lovers? IT IS!

There is something about

Lily King's voice that immediately draws me in. It's warm, sympathetic, a bit pitiful, but with underlying humor and strength.

Here, the narrator is an unnamed undergrad who stumbles into relationships with two grad students, roommates and best friends Sam and Yash. They both present as arcane academic showoffs, and Sam, who becomes her lover first, is a religious devotee who will not participate in standard, "sinful" missionary-position sex.

When she and Sam break up, Yash has been waiting in the wings, and they

plunge into a blindingly intense affair and a blissful sojourn in Paris. But Sam is still furiously unwilling to accept Yash as his successor and Yash concedes.

Fast forward a decade plus and many circumstances for the three have changed, although Sam still stands in the way, and Yash is still unwilling to betray Sam.

There's true pathos here, much romance, a glimmer of hope, and a shocking denouement contained in the final words at the novel's end.

It's in my top five of 2025, with two months of reading to go.

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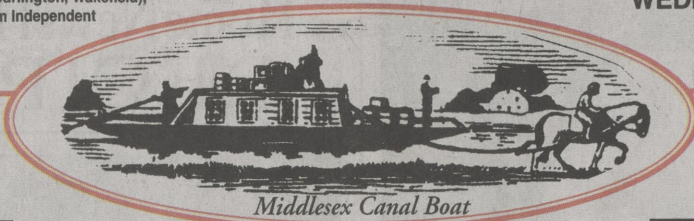
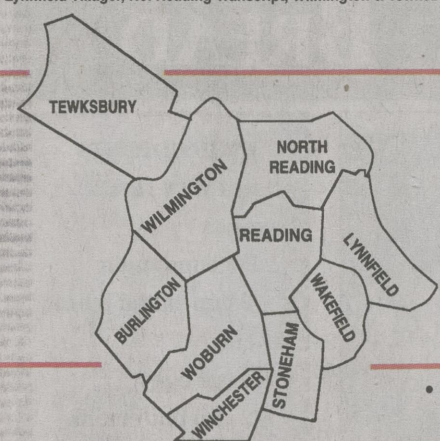


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Wilmington to debate future of Buzzell building

By RYAN LAROCHE

Wilmington will hold a special Town Meeting on Thursday, Nov. 20 at the high school beginning at 7 p.m. The warrant for this meeting contains two articles and it concerns whether or not to demolish the former Buzzell School.

Article 1 asks if Town Meeting will "vote to overturn the action of the Wilmington Select Board taken on Sept. 22, 2025 authorizing the demolition of the building known as the former Buzzell Senior Center/Buzzell School located at 15 School St."

Article 2 asks if Town Meeting will vote to appropriate money for improvements to the school for renovation to bring the building into compliance with relevant building codes and standards for municipal and/or community use. The amount cannot exceed \$615,000.

Both articles are listed "as petitioned for by Robert Fasulo and others."

Select Board

Nearly two months ago, the Select Board received a presentation by the Building Reuse Committee concerning the Buzzell School/Senior Center building. Committee Chair Dennis Kelly said his group met seven times between February and July, as they were tasked with conducting an assessment of the building, investigating the needs of town departments for the space, engaging community stakeholders, soliciting input from other town boards and committees, and making preliminary cost determinations.

In the end, the committee split down the middle, with four favoring reuse and four favoring demolition. Therefore, they recommended the Select Board make the final determination.



DEMOLITION IN QUESTION - Town Meeting, voters will decide if they will overturn action of the Wilmington Select Board taken on Sept. 22, 2025 authorizing the demolition of the building known as the former Buzzell Senior Center/Buzzell School located at 15 School Street. (Town Crier file photos)

When making their decision, each member of the committee considered construction estimates, usage, the 2018 Facilities Master Plan, accessibility restrictions, and the building's history, along with the state of the building.

The building did not score well in some categories, namely overall condition and accessibility. It did score well when it came to sewer condition, history and community input.

If the building were reused, the committee identified several groups that would benefit: the Recreation Department, Wilmington Arts Council, the Wilmington Memorial Library, WCTV, and the Wilmington Sons and Daughters of Italy.

Residents also recommended some uses for the building to include community gardens, elderly housing and even a youth center. The committee noted how in a public survey residents favored reuse by a 62-35 percent margin. Those who supported demolition named the cost of upkeep as the main

reason.

The building's value, according to the committee, is around \$546,000, though the cost to upgrade the building to code was calculated at \$1.2M. Even demolition, they said, would cost \$120,000. Any cost to reuse the building (or bring it up to code) could be on the town's dollar.

The Select Board ultimately voted 3-1-1 to demolish the building, with members Lilia Maselli, Jacob Gearwar and Gary DePalma voting in favor, Frank West voting against and Kevin Caira abstaining.

Maselli said she didn't want to put more money into the building than it's worth and suggested the town recognize the Buzzell family by naming a room after them in another building. Caira said he wouldn't want the town to pay for renovation.

• BUZZELL TO B2

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Sydney Sweeney appears in
a scene from the boxing bio
"Christy" released by
Black Bear.
(Eddy Chen/
Black Bear via AP)



Movie Reviews & Box Office News

A fierce Sydney Sweeney pulls no punches in harrowing boxing biopic 'Christy'

By JOCELYN NOVECK
AP National Writer

At one point deep into "Christy," the boxer Christy Martin, played with ferocious commitment by Sydney Sweeney, describes how she feels being in the ring. It's not what you'd expect.

It's where she finds quiet, she says.

Such a line at the beginning of this two-hour plus film would have been laughable, given that the ring is obviously hectic, loud, bloody — and terrifying, to most of the world. But when Martin says it, we get it. The ring is where Christy can be in control. Outside — and especially at home, in the bedroom — is where life gets truly scary.

"Christy," directed by David Michôd, begins as a solid sports biopic, the based-on-true-events story of Martin, a hot-tempered teen from coal-mining country who fell into boxing and became a trailblazer for women in the sport. That's the triumph part.

But then comes the tragedy: the horrific abuse that she suffered at the hands of her trainer and husband, Jim Martin. And that's of course where the boxing montages stop. In its final act, "Christy" goes darker than anything we're prepared for.

The mashup of genres may feel a bit tonally rough, but it ultimately works, not least because of its unifying factor: Sweeney, who imbues her no-holds-barred portrayal of Martin with both sweetness and rage, with brio and real vulnerability. The actor's background in MMA fighting was clearly essential for the role, for which she bulked up considerably (à la De Niro in "Raging Bull") and trained extensively. (She also donned a brown mullet wig and wore brown contact lenses, further distancing herself visually from Sydney Sweeney the movie star.)

We begin in 1989 in small-town West Virginia, where Martin lives with her parents, a loving but weak father (Ethan Embry) and an obtuse and intolerant mother (Merritt Wever). This is not the environment in which a gay teenager can hope to thrive or even survive. Fearing her inclinations, they threaten to send her to a priest.

Which is why, when Christy gets the chance to make \$500 in a boxing match thanks to a local promoter, she grabs it. At the gym, she meets a trainer, Jim (Ben Foster, a bumbling and eventually chilling villain in an ugly comb-over). He has no interest at first, and sends a man to spar with

her and "break a rib if you have to." She cleans the guy's clock.

Soon Christy's living away from home in a cheap apartment, training full time. "I think I've found my thing," she says. Unfortunately, being trained by Jim also means having to submit to him in other ways. She goes home, but he lures her back with promises of better fights in Florida, life near the beach, and a meeting with super-promoter Don King.

Well, Christy doesn't get the beach but she does get... a husband. Jim, increasingly jealous and paranoid, makes a highly unpleasant marriage proposal. Christy obviously feels she has no choice.

Ultimately, she gets her meeting with King. The promoter likes her pluck, and offers her a contract. "Coal miner's daughter," he says approvingly (Chad L. Coleman, bringing humor to the role). He also likes that she wears pink.

At her first big fight for King, the pressure is enormous (director Michôd is especially good at depicting the incredibly tense atmosphere around the ring, lending the proceedings an authenticity that some boxing movies don't attain.) But when a nervous Christy gets into the ring in her pink

become an undertaker, thus establishing a business that went on under one name for more than 75 years.

In a separate story written a few months later, Neilson noted the uniqueness of the Buzzell building, calling it the only multi-room school building to successfully transition to a new life. After being designated for senior housing, the building was turned over to the Council on Aging in 1984.

It, then, became the town's senior center for 40 years until it fell out of disrepair (and disfavor with the town's residents, specifically its senior population).

According to Neilson, after the school closed in the late 1970s, it was turned over to the Wilmington Housing Authority to become "congregate" housing, meaning multiple bedrooms served by a common dining area. But, as Neilson noted, that was not to be. He said the hosing authority at the time had been consumed by a long struggle over a project that was never built, on the site of the ice arena.

At the same time, the senior center, then located at Wilmington Plaza, started becoming quite popular. For more than a decade, it was in donated space in a small storefront at the south end of the plaza. By 1984, though, Neilson said the plaza owner told the Council on Aging it would need to vacate the space.

Therefore, in 1984, Town Meeting voted to turn the Buzzell School over to the Council on Aging. Neilson noted how the building, now 50 years old, was in dire need of work. Former state representative Jim Miceli, a long-time fixture in Wilmington politics, stepped up and was instrumental in lining up two sources of labor, from two carpenters' unions, the painters' union and from Shawsheen Tech.

Over the next year-and-a-half, the town worked to adapt the school into the senior center. By September of 1985, it was ready. Rep. Miceli asked that the town not change the name, so therefore, the senior center became the Buzzell Senior Center.

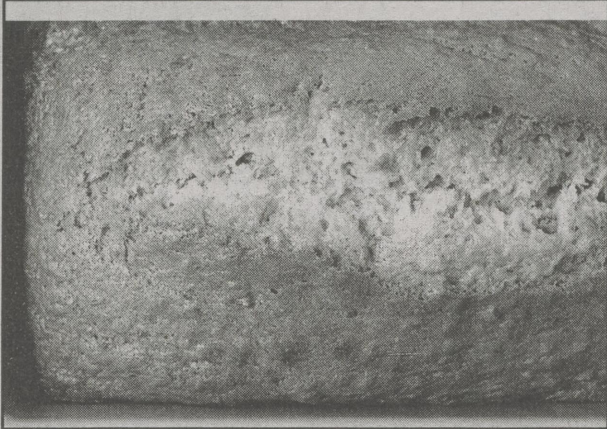
Residents speak out

After the Select Board officially voted to demolish the building, residents jumped into action to gather enough signatures to force a special Town Meeting. Since then, many have spoken out against demolishing the building.

Resident and co-petitioner of the two warrant articles, Suzanne Sullivan, in a letter to the Town Crier, said, "I am asking people to please attend and vote to save the building."

Sullivan, who also sits on the Building Reuse Committee (but wrote in on her own behalf), said the building scored "surprisingly well" during her committee's evaluation.

HomeNewsHere RECIPE



GOING BANANAS - This banana bread recipe has become a beloved favorite in kitchens everywhere.

STEPS

Step 1: Move oven rack to low position so that tops of pans will be in center of oven. Heat oven to 350°F. Grease bottoms only of 2 loaf pans, 8 1/2x4 1/2x2 1/2 inches, or 1 loaf pan, 9x5x3 inches. Be sure to only grease the bottom of the pan and leave the sides ungreased so the batter can properly rise.

Step 2: Peel bananas, break into pieces and place in a medium bowl. With a fork or potato masher, mash banana until smooth. Mash enough bananas to yield 1-1/2 cups.

Step 3: In large bowl, beat sugar and softened butter with electric mixer on

medium speed until fluffy and thoroughly mixed, scraping down side of bowl occasionally. Add eggs and beat until smooth and thoroughly blended.

Step 4: Add the 1 1/2 cups mashed bananas, buttermilk and vanilla. Beat until smooth.

Step 5: Using a spatula or spoon, gently stir in flour, baking soda and salt just until moistened. It's ok if there are some lumps and flour streaks.

Step 6: Gently fold in nuts. Pour evenly into pan(s).

Step 7: Bake 8-inch loaves about 1 hour, 9-inch loaf about 1 hour and 15 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center comes

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 to 4 very ripe bananas
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup salted butter, softened
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 1/2 cups Gold Medal™ All Purpose Flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup chopped nuts, if desired
- Softened butter for serving, if desired

out clean. Cool 10 minutes in pan(s) on cooling rack.

Step 8: Using a dinner knife, gently go around the edges of the pan to loosen the sides of the loaves from the pans. Once loosened, carefully invert the pan onto your hand, protected by an oven mitt, and tap the bottom of the pan lightly to release the loaf. Remove the loaf from the pan and place it top side up (the side that was facing up during baking) on a cooling rack. Cool completely, about 2 hours, before slicing.

robe, her skills and her bravado carry the day. Blood may be running down her nose and splattering across her white tank top, but she's grinning joyously.

Soon the couple is in a much nicer house, being interviewed by the media. "I'm just a regular housewife who knocks people out for a living," she tells a journalist. She cooks, she cleans and she fights.

And then the movie shifts — to a gut-wrenching drama

of domestic abuse.

If you know the story of Christy Martin, you'll know she barely escaped her marriage alive. In any case, the film in its last moments is so harrowing, you wouldn't believe it actually happened — if it didn't.

And she did survive, incredibly.

"The Lady is a Champ," blared the cover of Sports Illustrated when it put Martin on its cover in 1996, the first female boxer to occupy that

hallowed space. Emerging from "Christy," we understand that what made her a champ had more to do with her ultimate resilience outside the ring than with her jabs and hooks inside it.

"Christy," a Black Bear release, has been rated R by the Motion Picture Association "for language, violence/bloody images, some drug use and sexual material." Running time: 135 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

• BUZZELL FROM B1

tions related to the reuse specifically, but noted some groups could use the building for meeting space.

West, the board's chair, asked about finding ways to lower the cost of bringing the building up to code such as by using volunteers. Kelley said they typically don't allow volunteers for this type of work due to liability issues.

Although the board voted in favor of demolition, West originally planned to hold off on the vote until another meeting. However, his fellow board members all expressed a desire to vote that night. The board also didn't allow public comment prior to the vote. Later, though, a resident did speak up during the normal public comment period to state her opposition to the decision and the board not allowing public comment on the committee's presentation.

"I respectfully disagree with the decision not to let me speak," resident Bonnie Smith said.

History of the Buzzell

The town named the building after Dr. Daniel T. Buzzell who, according to former Town Crier historian Larz Neilson, set up a practice in Wilmington in an era when the horse and buggy were as much a part of the doctor's equipment as a bag of medicine and instruments.

In a story written 10 years go, Neilson wrote how for almost 50 years, Buzzell attended nearly every childbirth in Wilmington, not to mention many in Tewksbury. After his death in 1930, the town named a school for him. The school then became the town's senior center (until a recent vote by the town to support the building of a new senior center).

The six-room school, Neilson wrote, served as the junior high school for about 15 years. When the town built a new high school in 1950, the old high school became the junior high, and the Buzzell School became an elementary school. For a few years, the story notes, the classes were fifth and six grades. But in 1955, it became a primary school for first-third grade.

Buzzell, himself, was not born in Wilmington (or even Massachusetts for that matter). He was born in Lee, NH on April 19, 1857. He attended the University of Vermont, graduating from medical school in 1883. Neilson said he first practiced medicine in Roxbury, but moved to Wilmington a year later.

Buzzell even has more ties to the community, as his wife designed their first home, which would later become the Dello-Russo Funeral Home. Neilson noted how Buzzell persuaded taxi driver William Cavanaugh to

"It has served the people of the community for 90 years, has more to offer, and is in the Wilmington Centre Village Historic District," she continued.

She said the building remains in good shape, though did point out its lack of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. She added how any work that needs to be done "can be done over time." She said during her committee's meetings, many residents "overwhelmingly" voiced support to keep the building for community use.

She pointed to the same groups/organizations her committee mentioned to the Select Board: WCTV, the Sons and Daughters of Italy, the Arts Council, and the Friends of Wilmington Library.

"The bottom line is, the town needs community space. This building is perfect for just that since it is in the community/common center of town. We owe it to the volunteers and citizen groups that serve our community daily to give them space," Sullivan argued.

She also pointed out how the Select Board voted to demolish the building despite nearly 70 percent of residents wanting to keep it. Sullivan then accused the board of overstepping, saying they don't have the authority over buildings. She called their vote non-binding. She said the town manager has that authority.

"So, we have taken this issue to where it belongs, to you, the town. Three politicians or the town manager should not and do not have the power to demolish town assets. The town's people, aka 'the town' has the authority," Sullivan remarked.

"This is a democracy even though some would like it to be otherwise," she continued. "We need a quorum of 150 people to decide this matter. Please come and support this effort. It is the only item on the agenda and will not take much of your time."

Another resident, Joe Mullens, called the Buzzell an "iconic" building that is more than just "brick and mortar - it is a cherished representation of our town's heritage, a testament to generations of students, a cornerstone of our collective identity and a tribute to Dr. David Buzzell for whom the school was named."

Mullens wrote, "The school's architectural beauty and historical significance contribute to the unique character of Wilmington, setting our town apart and reminding us of our shared past."

He said the building brings value to the community, adding, "repurposing this historic site for educational, cultural, or public use would not only preserve our heritage but also provide ongoing benefits for future generations."

He noted how other cities and towns

across the state have revitalized their historic school buildings and felt Wilmington could do the same.

"Preserving the Buzzell School is not just about saving a building; it is about safeguarding the spirit and history of Wilmington. Let us unite to ensure that this piece of our heritage endures for generations to come," Mullens said.

A third resident, Joe Jackson, wrote how demolishing the building goes against the will of the people. His argument for saving the building, however, involves the scope of the new town hall and school administration building project. He said the Select Board and town manager "suggested that the disposition of the Buzzell School is within scope" of that project.

Jackson called those comments in direct contradiction to the discussions and assurances at a special Town Meeting in 2022. He said demolition was NOT included as a part of the plan approved by voters in the November 2022 special Town Meeting.

"It was not considered as part of 'site preparation' at the time of the vote, and the new building was specifically configured to be down the slope from the old senior center to allow for reuse of the Buzzell."

He noted how George Hooper, former Superintendent of Public Buildings, said at that Town Meeting the town could "repurpose some of these buildings," possibly referring to the Buzzell.

Later in the meeting, Jackson argued that former town manager Jeff Hull said the town has a lot of buildings that are going to need to be addressed...and pointed to the town's Free Cash fund. Jackson also pointed to the Building Reuse Committee giving the Buzzell a score of 62/100 and a community survey where 777 respondents voted 2:1 in favor of building reuse.

"My observation is that spending around \$100k to do asbestos abatement and demolition of a 6-room school building already worth \$600k is a loss of \$700k worth of value," Jackson argued. "Instead, a little work, perhaps from students at Shawsheen Tech, can help bring the building up to code with new wiring, insulation, and ADA compliance, and provide well-positioned space. Furthermore, rushing into demolition is irreversible."

(As noted above, the town would not use volunteers for work on the Buzzell building due to liability concerns, especially students from the Shawsheen Tech.)

As always, the final decision will be made by Town Meeting.

(Materials from Lizzy Hill and Larz Neilson were used to compile this report)

• Real Estate Transfers •

BURLINGTON

59 Center St #207 was sold to Amelia Harrington by Silvia Catherine Mary Es and Thomas M Silvia for \$275,700 on 10/20/25

47 Hill Cir #47 was sold to Stephen J Giglio by Marie T Giglio 2001 RET and Marie T Giglio for \$600,000 on 10/17/25

3 Nichold St was sold to Julianne Ouellet and James Patterson by Brendan W Spilsbury and Sheighla E Wall for \$700,000 on 10/17/25

LYNNFIELD

16 Bluejay Rd was sold to Travis Mcmurphy and Stephanie Steiger by Rui He for \$1,215,000 on 10/21/25

38 Edward Ave was sold to Marshall L Milinazzo by Linda J Filadoro and Richard P Filadoro for \$1,250,000 on 10/23/25

NORTH READING

9 Appletree Ln was sold to Eric P Murray and Melissa K Keefe by Stephen Osullivan and Erin Osullivan for \$1,065,000 on 10/20/25

103 Elm St was sold to Castelmar Properties LLC by Jenney Rt and Robert K Jenney 2nd for \$400,000 on 10/20/25

READING

60 Avalon Rd was sold to Shawn Burdick and Bridget Burdick by Barbera 2019 Funding T and Patrick B Barbera for \$1,750,000 on 10/22/25

363 Grove St was sold to Daley Partners Invs LLC by North Shore Res Dev Inc for \$1,956,500 on 10/23/25

STONEHAM

5 Avon St was sold to Elizabeth Borseti by Amy Best and Nicholas Best for \$567,950 on 10/22/25

189 Collincote St was sold to Prateek Paikray and Nishtha Kaura by Tiffany H Ou-Yang and Ting Ou-Yang for \$1,250,000 on 10/17/25

TEWKSBURY

5 Benson Rd was sold to Gene Wickham and Stephany N Mcgrattan by Steven W Guiffre and Diana L Foster for \$600,000 on 10/21/25

65 Charme Rd was sold to Matthew Spurr and Ashley Rooney by Cady Construction LLC for \$550,000 on 10/20/25

51 Jills Way #51 was sold to Sushil Singh and Ranjita Singh-Ortiz by Dongfeng Zhao and Yalin Tang for \$715,000 on 10/20/25

WAKEFIELD

45 Aborn Ave was sold to Matthew O Pierce and Margaret A Mullins by John D Learoyd and Jessica Cooney for \$910,000 on 10/17/25

13 Chestnut St #2 was sold to Stacy Hallon and Jose Halon by One3 Chestnut LLC for \$829,000 on 10/16/25

WILMINGTON

398 Andover St was sold to Cody R Olivier and Kyra A Porter by Brian K Bishop for \$823,000 on 10/16/25

401 Middlesex Ave was sold to Sarah Morgan and Austin Walrod by Thomas E Mcdade for \$575,000 on 10/16/25

WINCHESTER

36 Elmwood Ave #4 was sold to John L Keller and Rebecca C Keller by George F Bason Jr RET and Neil W Bason for \$1,050,000 on 10/22/25

2 Lagrange St was sold to Lisa Saliba by Henry D Mitcheson for \$1,900,000 on 10/17/25

4 Norwood St was sold to Hector Zumbado and Ellen Zumbado by Mark Donnellan for \$3,242,250 on 10/17/25

WOBURN

7 Anna Rd was sold to Nicolas Bayard by Daniel Arsenault for \$736,800 on 10/21/25

18 Arthur G Pernokas Dr was sold to Rejeesh Kutty and Suprabha Devi by Constance L Andrews for \$965,000 on 10/23/25

12 Dix Rd was sold to Ryan P Wood and Natalie Puschak by Jean M Graham for \$770,000 on 10/23/25

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Friday, November 28, at 7:30 p.m.

Marvel® music icons return to Arlington's Regent Theatre to kick off 'Very Merry Christmas Show'

Rock 'n' Roll, Vocal, and GRAMMY® Hall of Fame icons, The Platters® (thep-latters.com), members of the Marvel Cinematic Universe® (MCU) music family, kick off their self-titled Very Merry Christmas Show at The Historic Regent Theatre in Arlington, Massachusetts, on Friday, November 28, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

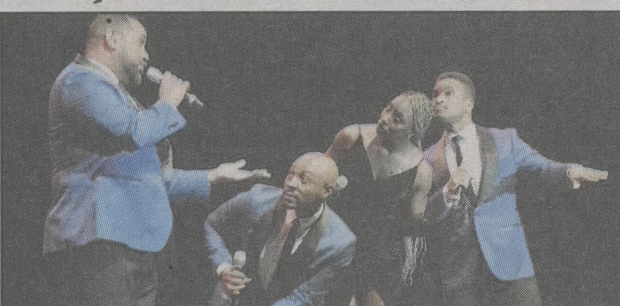
Founded and named by Herb Reed in the mid-50s and living around the corner from the Regent in Arlington, Massachusetts, for decades before his death, The Platters continue today with Lance Bernard Bryant, Omar Ross, Jovian K. Ford, Brittney Michelle Wallace, and Music Director Matt Savage. Collectively, they lend their harmonically smooth voices to take audiences on a festive, holiday-themed celebration through a magical, interactive, sonically driven sleigh ride fueled by music spanning the decades.

The harmonic quartet weaves their major evergreen hits—The Great Pretender, My Prayer, and Smoke Gets in Your Eyes—into family-friendly holiday

classics, creating a night of joyful memories. The timeless group will also debut songs from their long-awaited LP, With Love, The Platters, a sonic love letter to the world. It will be the vocal group's first recording in decades.

The Platters became part of the MCU in 2021 when one of their timeless hits, Twilight Time, was used in the breakthrough Marvel® — Disney+® streaming television series WandaVision. Only You (and You Alone), the song that first launched the vocal group onto the national music charts, recently topped the critically acclaimed soundtrack of Marvel's international blockbuster Deadpool & Wolverine. They also have an upcoming movie planned featuring Vin Diesel reprising his role as Groot, based on the character from the acclaimed Guardians of the Galaxy.

According to music creator Frederick J. Balboni, Jr. (bcb-hre.com), Reed's hand-picked, direct successor and international keeper of The Platters' legacy, "We



THE PLATTERS® (Photo courtesy of Regent Theatre)

look forward to helping people take pause, feel the joy, and be touched by the spirit of the season through our signature harmonies." He continued, "Our friends and family holiday show with its surprises, and popular music through the decades makes for a wonderful opportunity for a family and friends to celebrate old and newly created traditions."

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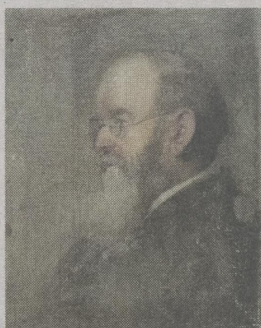
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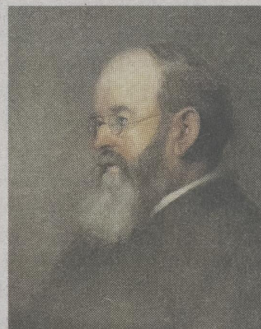
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Tewksbury Police Log

Lowell man arrested for unarmed robbery

Monday, November 3

1:31 a.m. - Caller reported male parked at McDonalds North by the drive thru facing the Extended Stay looking at it with binoculars. Police sent. They checked the property and Extended Stay. No vehicles matched description. Nothing suspicious in the area at this time.

9:37 a.m. - Caller reported last night around 5:50 a party of six were walking around the residence at Elizabeth Street. Caller stated the parties were walking around with flashlights, looking at the vehicles as well as contractor's equipment on scene. Caller stated the 22-year old granddaughter was currently living there and at the time was holding with her mother. Caller was attempting to obtain Ring camera footage and would email it to the dispatcher if able. Police sent. The parties were from a party next door. All parties were spoken to.

8:33 p.m. - Caller stated a car pulled into her driveway and it scared her at North Street. No description of vehicle. Police sent. Officer spoke to party, checked the area, and no cars were in the driveway.

11:32 p.m. - Alarm company stated vehicle was driving around with out headlights looking at other vehicles at Atamian Honda. Police sent. They checked the area. No cars driving around. No damage to the property rear gate was left open. There was a message for the key holder about the open gate.

Tuesday, November 4

11:17 a.m. - Walk-in party reported an erratic driver at Astle Street. Police advised.

3:31 p.m. - Caller reported a homeless man harassing the customers at Mobil Stadium Plaza mobil gas station. Homeless man was in his mid 30s, wear-

ing a hoodie with a backpack. Police sent. They spoke to male who was charging his phone. Male did not want to ID himself and left the property.

Wednesday, Nov. 5

2:04 p.m. - A 911 caller stated female patient was demanding to speak to someone about a bill and refused to leave at Global Care Medical Group. Party was in the lobby, white female, white hair, jeans, 63 years old. Police sent. They spoke with the party who was upset over a billing issue and the billing company would be contacting her tomorrow.

Thursday, November 6

1:04 p.m. - Caller reported an erratic driver swerving in and out of lanes at River Road. Andover Police Department was called.

1:30 p.m. - Caller stated there was someone who knocked on her door from sunburn at Livingston

Street. She stated she was on the do not knock list. Caller was advised that an officer would be sent to take a report so that they would be able to follow up with SunRun and that caller stated that she did not wish to speak with an officer to file a report at this time bit would call back and file a report if it happened again.

3:45 p.m. - Walk-in party stated they were attacked by a dog at French Street. It was a brown color larger dog. Caller went to the hospital. Animal Control was sent to handle and filed a report.

4:46 p.m. - Loss Prevention reported a shoplifter attempted to steal meat from Walmart. He got the items back but would like the party trespassed from the property. Caller reported party was a Hispanic male wearing tan sweatshirt and was last seen walking through the parking lot toward the bank. Police sent They checked the area businesses and were unable to locate the party. Officer filed a report.

4:51 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a couple vehicles doing burnouts in the Winners Chapel. Police sent and the parking lot was clear.

Friday, November 7

9:19 p.m. - Caller reported children repeatedly banging on a door and running away at Crystal Circle. They requested to speak to an officer. Police sent and reported no kids were on scene upon arrival. There appeared to be some kids playing in the neighborhood. All cleared.

10:24 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a large amount of juveniles coming from North Street. Police sent. They reportedly spoke to the homeowner and they would be shutting it down for the night.

Saturday, November 8

1:11 a.m. - Caller reported a continuation from the Motel 6. Police sent. They reported subject had gone to bed. All was quiet. Complainant had been spoken to.

5:13 a.m. - A 911 hangup from Old Main Street. Unable to call back. Police sent. They reported speaking to resident. There was no emergency. Nothing was found in the area.

1:22 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a male party wearing green shorts and white jacket stole his belongings at iHop. Police sent. Alphonso Walker Jr, 28, of 205 Water St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with unarmed robbery, two counts of resisting arrest, threats to commit crime with murder, larceny from person, and a warrant for assault and battery on family/household.

6:32 p.m. - A 911 caller from the front desk for a male who threatened him after he was denied a room at Hilton Garden Inn. Threats were made over the phone after the party left. Officer filed a report.

8:02 p.m. - Caller reported a male party was parked in Petrol Station for over three hours. Police sent. Vehicle was no longer there.

10 p.m. - Caller requested police officer assistance reporting a car was parked for 20 minutes at Wendy's. Vehicle left as officers were being dispatched and employee no longer requested police response.

Sunday, November 9

2:24 a.m. - A 911 caller reported she was on foot walking home and doesn't feel safe walking along dark road at Ames Hill Drive. Police sent. Jill Gagne, 22, of 1228 Ames Hill Drive in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on family.



Wilmington Police Log

Person reportedly assaulted at local gas station

Friday, Oct. 31:

6:35 a.m.: A black 2014 Toyota Camry and a blue 2009 Honda Accord were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Lowell Street. No injuries were reported, and police assisted with paperwork exchange.

4:14 p.m.: A gray 2012 Subaru Impreza and a white 2016 Subaru Forester were involved in a motor vehicle accident on North Street. No injuries were reported, and police assisted with paperwork exchange.

Saturday, Nov. 1:

5:22 a.m.: A white 2023 Ford Explorer was involved in a motor vehicle accident on West Street. Airbags were deployed, and landscaping at 29 West St. was damaged.

6:13 p.m.: A caller at the Corner Store on Shawshen Avenue reported a man in his 60s arguing with the store clerk and raising his voice, with the caller concerned for the clerk and a young girl with her.

Sunday, Nov. 2:

3:26 a.m.: A caller reported that his friend was physically assaulted at Sonny's Mobile on the Run on Lowell Street and had his shoes taken. Police got in contact with the man's father, who came to take

him home.

11:19 a.m.: A caller at the CVS on Main Street reported that a man was harassing customers for money, and got angry when a customer said they didn't have any money. It was found that the man had been asked to leave about two hours beforehand, but had returned, and was issued a no trespass order and sent on his way.

1:20 p.m.: A gray 2017 Nissan Altima and a black 2025 Chevy Malibu were involved in a motor vehicle accident near the McDonald's on Main Street. No injuries were reported.

Monday, Nov. 3:

11:12 a.m.: A caller on School Street reported an incident of fraud.

5:08 p.m.: Kristin Cynthia Koehler of 244 Andover St., in Andover, was issued a summons for shoplifting by asportation. This followed a call from loss prevention at the Target on Ballardvale Street reporting that they had a shoplifter detained.

Tuesday, Nov. 4:

2:19 p.m.: A walk-in party from Avalon Drive reported an incident of fraud.

3:57 p.m.: A gray 2018 Acura RDX and a white 2015 Chevy Express 2500

were involved in a motor vehicle accident near Sonny's Mobile on the Run on Lowell Street. No injuries were reported.

4 p.m.: A brown 2019 Honda CR-V was involved in a motor vehicle accident on the Rt. 125 highway. Airbags were possibly deployed, and state police were alerted of the situation.

STOW — With temperatures falling into the 30s this week, Massachusetts State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine is reminding residents protect themselves and their loved ones from some of the most common home heating hazards. "Most of Massachusetts will see some of the coldest weather since last winter over the next few days," said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. "Heating equipment is the leading cause of carbon monoxide at home and the second leading cause of residential fires. Whether you're using gas, oil, solid fuel, or space heaters to keep warm, be sure you keep safe, too."

State Fire Marshal Davine said there were more than 6,400 heating fires in Massachusetts from 2020 to 2024. These fires claimed eight lives, caused 153 injuries to firefighters and residents, and contributed to over \$52 million in damage. And in 2024 alone, Massachusetts fire departments reported finding carbon monoxide at more than 4,700 non-fire incidents.

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Every household needs working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on every level of their home. Check the manufacturing date on the back of your alarms so you know when to replace them:

uation.

Wednesday, Nov. 5:

9:02 a.m.: Christopher Peter Hope of 254 Main St., in Wakefield, was issued a summons for larceny over \$250 from someone over 60 or disabled. This followed a walk-in party from King Street reported that a contractor who he had paid and hired had not shown up to do any work yet.

1:39 p.m.: Liang Ma of 661 Main St., Apt. #16, in Malden, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended or revoked registration, and not having a valid inspection sticker.

This followed a stop of his white 2015 Ford Transit at Exit 33 on the I-93 SB highway.

9:03 p.m.: Nathan Daniel Lambert of 90 Old Meadow Road, in Dracut, was issued a summons for operating an uninsured motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended or revoked registration, and not having a valid inspection sticker. This followed a stop of his red 2002 Chevy Silverado on Lowell Street.

Thursday, Nov. 6:

10:25 a.m.: A caller at Paul's Landscaping on

Main Street reported that a tractor trailer crashed into a dumpster at the business, and the operator was refusing to give any information. Paperwork ended up being exchanged prior to police arrival.

12:52 p.m.: A black 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee and a gray 2004 Honda Odyssey were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Lowell Street. Airbags were deployed, and injuries were reported.

6:25 p.m.: A caller at Eastern Bank on Main Street reported a case of debit card fraud.

With cold weather on the way, the state fire marshal urges heating fire safety

smoke alarms should be replaced after 10 years, and carbon monoxide alarms should be replaced after 5 to 10 years depending on the model. If your alarms take alkaline batteries, put in fresh batteries twice a year when you change your clocks. If it's time to replace your alarms, choose new ones from a well-known, national brand with the mark of an independent testing lab such as UL or Intertek/ETL. Select smoke alarms with a sealed, long-life battery and a hush feature.

Natural Gas and Oil Heat

If you have a furnace, water heater, or oil burner, have it professionally checked and serviced each year. This will help it run more efficiently, which will save you money and could save your life. Always keep a three-foot "circle of safety" around the appliance clear of anything that could catch fire. Never store painting supplies, aerosol cans, or other flammable items near these appliances. If you smell gas, don't use any electrical switches or devices: get out, stay out, and call 9-1-1 right away.

Solid Fuel Heating

If you use a fireplace or a stove that burns wood, pellets, or coal, always keep the area around it clear for three feet in all directions. This circle of

safety should be free of furniture, drapery, rugs, books and papers, fuel, and any other flammable items. To prevent sparks and embers from escaping, use a fireplace screen or keep the stove door closed while burning. Use only dry, seasoned hardwood and don't use flammable liquids to start the fire. When disposing of ashes, wait until they are cool and shovel them into a metal bucket with a lid and place it outside at least 10 feet away from the building.

Have your chimney and flue professionally inspected and cleaned each year. Most chimney fires are caused by burning creosote, a tarry substance that builds up as the fireplace, wood stove, or pellet stove is used. If burning creosote, sparks, embers, or hot gases escape through cracks in the flue or chimney, they can cause a fire that spreads to the rest of the structure. Annual cleaning and inspection can minimize this risk. Contact the Massachusetts Chimney Sweep Guild or Chimney Safety Institute of America to identify reputable local companies.

Space Heaters

Keep space heaters at least three feet from curtains, bedding, and anything else that can burn. Plug them directly into a wall socket, not an extension cord or a power

strip, and remember that they're for temporary use. Always turn a space heater off when you leave the room or go to sleep.

When purchasing a space heater, select one that's been tested and labeled by a nationally recognized testing company such as UL or Intertek/ETL. Newer space heaters should have an automatic shut-off switch that turns the device off if it tips over. Unvented kerosene space heaters and portable propane space heaters are not permitted for residential use in Massachusetts, State Fire Marshal Davine said: the risk of fire and carbon monoxide poisoning that they pose is too great.

Create and Practice a Home Escape Plan

Everyone should have a home escape plan that accounts for two ways out of every room, and everyone should be able to open the doors and windows along the way. Remember that children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need extra assistance.

More Home Heating Safety Tips

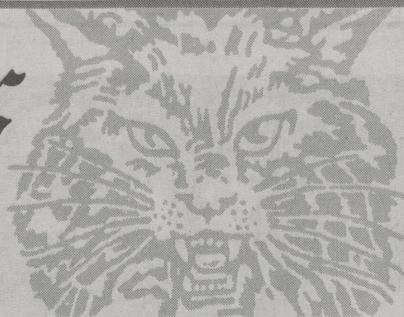
The Department of Fire Services offers a wealth of home heating safety information, including the "Keep Warm, Keep Safe" tool kit for local fire departments, caregivers, and service providers, on the DFS web site.

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▲ Goalie Jillian Weinstein and her defense help stop a shot and preserve a shutout victory.

(Joe Brown photo)

LIFE IN THE FAST LANE

Speedy Wilmington High girls soccer team wins first two playoff games

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Speed.
The Wilmington High girls soccer team punched its ticket to the Div. 3 state quarterfinals on Thursday in Springfield with a pair of shutout wins in the first two rounds of the playoffs. Last Wednesday, the Wildcats beat Scituate by a 2-0 score, setting up Monday night's rainy 3-0 win against visiting East Bridgewater. In both contests, speed is what helped the defense post two shutouts while the fast legs of the WHS forwards led to just about every postseason goal they've scored. On Monday, WHS scored twice in the first half and then added an insurance goal in the second half to advance to the Elite Eight. Thursday's game will be against fourth-seeded Pope Francis High School in Springfield. Pope Francis beat 29th-seeded Dracut by a 4-0 score in its first round before topping Dedham, the 20th seed, by a 2-0 score. Wilmington, the 12th seed, handled 21st-seeded Scituate before taking care of the 28th-seeded East Bridgewater, who stunned fifth-seeded Hanover. Senior Cate MacDonald scored the first goal against East Bridgewater, using her speed to separate from two defenders and earn a clean breakaway after a terrific lead pass by Emi-

ly Falk. The play actually started with sophomore goalie Jill Weinstein, who passed to sophomore Avery King. King's pass to Falk quickly led to MacDonald's tally. Coach Alvi Ibanez couldn't have drawn the play up better at practice. The second Wilmington goal was also the result of a dynamic passing play. Callie Lamarche started it, sending a feed to Eliana Goldstein, who then one-touched a pass to sophomore Caroline Broussard. Broussard struck a long ball past the East Bridgewater keeper. MacDonald scored her second of the night in the second half, making it 3-0. The goal was almost an identical play to the first one. This time, senior Alexis LeBlanc sent a great pass over the East Bridgewater defense. MacDonald simply beat two defenders to the ball and chipped in past the EBHS goalie. Against Scituate, Wilmington had a goal in each half. The first tally came on a passing play that saw MacDonald cut across the field and send a pass to Erin McCarthy, who chipped a ball ahead to Falk. Falk beat two defenders to the pass and scored. In the second half, Nyla Chimwanda fed Naomi Cowles with a pass. The ball then went to the corner to MacDonald, who sent a pass to the front of the Scituate goal where Alison

McElligott. McElligott finished the job with a head ball into the goal. Wilmington has nine seniors helping make the playoff run possible, a group that includes MacDonald, McElligott, LeBlanc, McCarthy, Broussard, Sydney Bouley, Charlotte Forcina, Maeve White and Abigail Howie. Team captains are McElligott, McCarthy, MacDonald and sophomore Leah Doucette.



▲ Erin McCarthy hustles to a ball against East Bridgewater.

(Joe Brown photo)



► Nyla Chimwanda (24) makes a play against East Bridgewater.
(Joe Brown photo)



▲ Shawsheen Valley Tech's Cameron Banda finds a seam and cuts upfield during Friday's state tournament football game against Salem at home. Shawsheen advances 55-14. (Credit Image: James Thomas)



▲ Swarming to the ball, Shawsheen Valley Tech defense halts Salem's Jake Lister during Friday's state tournament, with the Rams' defense setting the tone in a 55-14 win to advance. (Credit Image: James Thomas)

Shawsheen rolls into quarterfinals

Ram football team blasts Salem, St. Mary's is next

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The Shawsheen Tech football team took another step toward a Super Bowl appearance last Friday with a 55-14 thrashing of visiting Salem in the first round of the Div. 5 state playoffs.

The Rams improved to 9-0 overall as they pursue their second straight undefeated season and second consecutive state crown.

Shawsheen led 22-0 after the first quarter and eventually took a 35-0 lead before Salem returned a kickoff for a touchdown.

The Rams scored three more times before halftime to build a 48-6 advantage.

Shawsheen scored once

in the third quarter and Salem found the end zone late in the contest to produce the final score.

Senior Jake Banda was, well, Jake Banda for Shawsheen.

The powerful running back scored the game's first three touchdowns with runs of five, three and 24 yards. Kicker Andrew Santo was good on two of the first three extra points.

The Ram defense added a safety with a tackle in the end zone in the opening stanza.

In the second quarter, Ralph Raymond returned a punt for a touchdown and Hadi Sibay return a kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown after Salem's touchdown.

Shawsheen quarterback Adam Caruso threw two touchdown passes, one to

senior Dyllon Pratt for 23 yards and the other for 21 yards to senior James Tildsley for 21 yards before halftime.

The second half saw Sibay start the third quarter with another kickoff return for a touchdown.

The Rams return to the field Friday night at 6 p.m. against St. Mary's of Lynn.

St. Mary's nearly beat Shawsheen on Oct. 3, falling 14-7 when Shawsheen scored late in the fourth quarter while trailing 7-6.

With a victory over St. Mary's, the Rams will advance to the state semifinals where they will take on the winner of fourth-seeded Medfield and fifth-seeded North Reading, who play Friday night in Medfield at 6 p.m.



▲ Shawsheen Valley Tech's Jake Banda (42) cuts upfield behind a block from James Tildsley (44) during Friday's state tournament football game against Salem. Shawsheen advances 55-14. (Credit Image: James Thomas)

Cross country teams advance

Wildcat boys and girls take fifth at state meet, reach Meet of Champions

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The Wilmington High boys and girls cross country teams competed at the Division 2-C state meet on Saturday at Northfield Mountain on a difficult course.

The boys placed sixth as a team with a score of 193 points behind Weston (88), Dedham (101), Dover-Sherborn (119), Whitinsville Christian (152) and Swampscott (184).

Pacing the way for the Wildcats was senior Gavin Dong, who placed 19th with a time of 18:01.53. He was followed by Cooper Hunt, who placed 27th in 18:13.67, and David Dynan, who placed 31st in 18:23.47.

Jake Cronin placed 50th in 19:22.93, Matt Lawler was 70th in 20:13.31, Michael Hao ended up 74th in 20:16.44 and Evan Cummings was 109th in 21:19.50.

The Wildcat girls team also placed sixth as a team with 205 points.

WHS finished behind Whitinsville Christian (74), Bishop Fenwick (91), Dover Sherborn (176), Norton (191), and North Reading (201).

Leading the way for the Wildcats was junior Charlotte Kiley, who earned a medal by placing 13th with a time of 21:18.38. She was followed by Katelyn La Pointe, who placed 41st in 23:35.02, eighth grader Zoe Moses-Chen, who placed 49th in 24:02.72, and Cayley Israelson who placed 61st in 24:19.64.

Other top finishers for Wilmington were Bella Zaya, who was 67th in 24:36.07, eighth grader Avery Mercaldi, who took 74th in 24:48.48, and Tess Sullivan, who ended up 95th in 25:44.69.

Both teams with their

sixth-place finishes qualified for next week's Meet of Champions that will be run at Fort Devens.

This is the fifth straight

year that the girls team has qualified for the Meet of Champions and the third straight year that the boys team has qualified.

► Charlotte Kiley was 13th as an individual at the state meet.

Courtesy photo)



◀ Wilmington High's girls cross country team took sixth at the state meet last weekend. (Courtesy photo)

▼ The WHS boys cross country team ended up sixth as a team. (Courtesy photo)



Wildcat football can't close out Old Rochester in triple overtime thriller

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Last Friday's playoff game at Wilmington High is one that will be talked about for a while.

A long while.

In a battle that saw several momentum swings and three overtime possessions, visiting Old Rochester Regional High School of Mattapoisett beat the Wildcats, 47-39.

WHS will play at Winthrop on Thursday night in a non-playoff game and then prepare for a Thanksgiving Day battle with Tewksbury.

Wilmington is 6-3 overall and enjoying one of its finest seasons in recent memory.

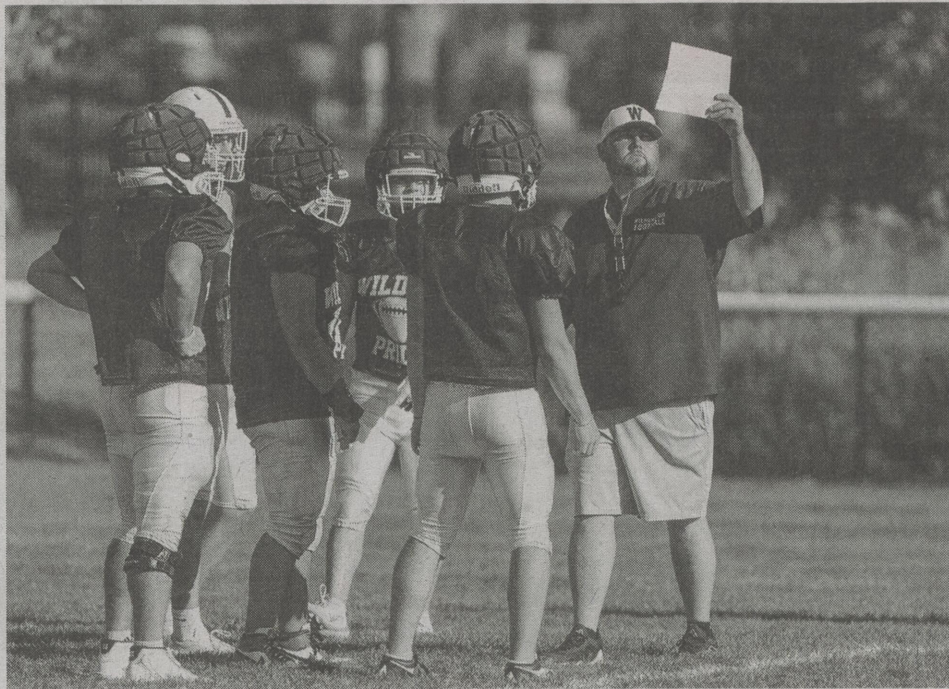
The 'Cats led 27-20 when senior Jacob McCauley broke a tie with an alert play.

After a lateral pass by the Bulldogs on second-and-11 from their own 29-yard line fell to the turf, McCauley picked up the ball and rumbled 28 yards for a touchdown. As McCauley scooped the ball and sprinted, the rest of the players finally realized what was happening and nobody could catch the speedy Wildcat defensive stand-out.

Junior Cam Pereira added the extra point and WHS had the lead on the second play of the fourth quarter.

Old Rochester answered with an 80-yard drive that

Wilmington falls in playoff classic



▲ The Wilmington High football team visits Winthrop on Thursday night after an exciting playoff game on Friday.
(James Thomas Photography)

took nine plays and ended with a 20-yard scoring run. The extra point tied the score with 6:33 left.

The Wildcats had plenty of time to take the lead or win the game and almost did.

Starting at their own 37-yard line, Wilmington moved to the Bulldog 12-yard line after nine plays before a crucial fourth-and-three.

A 13-yard pass to senior Colin Allard on a third-down play and a 19-yard connection to Allard on another third-down snap sent the ball to the 19-yard line before the drive stalled.

On the fourth-down play, two or three Bulldog linemen moved just before the snap of the ball, looking like an obvious offside penalty, but game officials

determined that the Old Rochester players were not in the neutral zone and let the play continue.

WHS called a timeout and then an incomplete pass turned the ball over on downs with less than two minutes to go.

Old Rochester couldn't move the ball and punted with 22 seconds left, giving the 'Cats the ball at the Bulldog 48-yard line.

A long pass by junior quarterback Mark Holleran on first down was intercepted at the 26-yard line and the game went to overtime.

The overtime was dramatic.

Old Rochester scored on its first drive on an 8-yard run. The conversion rush failed (teams are required to go for two in overtime) for a 33-27 lead.

Wilmington tied the score on its first play when Holleran hit senior Pat DeLucia with a 10-yard pass. The conversion pass by the Wildcats also failed.

Wilmington had the first try of the second overtime and again scored on the first play, a 10-yard run by Holleran. Holleran was sacked on the conversion attempt, but WHS led 39-33.

Old Rochester took four plays to score on its next drive, but quarterback Connor Nelson scored on a 1-yard run with the game on the line. Wilmington's McCauley and senior Gabe Borges stuffed the conversion rush to keep the game even.

The alternating overtime possessions saw the Bulldogs start the third drive and once again the visitors faced a fourth down

from the 3-yard line before Nelson scored on a keeper. Old Rochester was successful with the conversion rush, the only successful two-pointer of five attempted in the extra time.

Down eight, the Wildcats came inches away from forcing another overtime.

After two runs and an incomplete pass, the 'Cats faced fourth-and-goal from the 8-yard line before Holleran found DeLucia with a short pass. DeLucia bulled his way to the 2, maybe the 1-and-a-half yard line before being stopped.

The game started with each team's defense coming through.

Nelson had the only score of the first quarter when he broke free for a 58-yard touchdown run with 7:25 to go in the quarter, giving the guests a 7-0 lead.

The Wildcats punted away their first two drives, but a bad snap on a punt by the Bulldogs helped WHS get on the scoreboard.

The bad snap ended up being downed at the Bulldog 18-yard line.

The 'Cats didn't exactly cruise into the end zone, but did eventually tie the score.

Holleran scored on a 2-yard run on a fourth-and-goal play with 10:36 left in the first half.

Pereira added the extra point.

The drive needed an 11-yard pass to DeLucia on third-and-10 from the 19 to stay afloat.

Each team would score one more touchdown before halftime and each team would miss the ensuing extra point.

Old Rochester had a solid kickoff return to the 43-yard line and scored seven plays later on a 7-yard run.

The Wildcats punched right back, falling on a squib kickoff and driving 60 yards in 10 plays and scoring on a beautiful 20-yard touchdown pass from Holleran to senior Cam Gray.

Along with a 14-yard run by senior Gus Lambert, Wilmington converted twice on fourth down during the drive as Allard caught a 9-yard pass on fourth-and-three from the Bulldog 39-yard line and junior Julian Martins ran for six yards on fourth-and-one from the 21.

Old Rochester had a chance to score before the intermission, but a big sack by DeLucia sent the game into halftime tied at 13.

Wilmington started the second half with the ball and took the lead right away, driving 56 yards after Martins' solid kickoff return to the 44-yard line.

A 16-yard pass to Lambert on a third-and-six play set up a 32-yard touchdown run by Martins on the fifth play of the third quarter. Pereira's extra point made it 20-13.

The Bulldogs tied the game for the third time with an eight-play, 61-yard drive that ended with a 13-yard touchdown pass.

The Wildcats nearly took the lead late in the third quarter, moving to the Bulldog 30-yard line before Holleran was intercepted at the 12-yard line.

Four plays later, McCauley's defensive play gave the 'Cats the lead and sparked a wild finish.

Youth Hockey:

Midgets fall short in District 10 finals

By RAYMOND MERCURI
Special to the Town Crier

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Midget Wildcats entered Saturday's District 10 championship game with one thing on their minds, revenge.

After last year's heart-breaking loss to Stoneham, when the Wildcats surrendered a 5-1 lead before falling 6-5, this year's rematch was their shot at redemption. But despite a good effort, Wilmington came up just short, falling to the Stoneham Spartans in a hard fought 5-3 battle.

The win sends Stoneham to the Massachusetts state tournament, held November 14-16 in Waltham, where they'll represent District 10 in the Tier IV bracket.

Wilmington opened the game with intensity, rolling out their top line of Kyle Spencer, Anthony Di Zoglio, Ryan Hudd, Connor Jamieson, and Alternate Captain Cody Mastronardi. Despite generating several scoring chances including a pair of 2-on-1 rushes and early power plays the Wildcats couldn't convert.

Stoneham broke through first at 4:47 remaining in the first, capitalizing on a loose puck that slipped to the weak side after goaltender James Savoie made a sprawling save.

The puck found its way into the back of the net as the cage came off its mooring, but the referee signaled good goal for a 1-0 Spartan lead.

Just 30 seconds later, Stoneham struck again, intercepting a breakout pass deep in the Wilmington zone and feeding an open winger for a quick tip in past Savoie to make it 2-0.

But Wilmington wouldn't go quietly.

With just 9.8 seconds left in the period, captain Nate Murphy won a draw just outside the offensive zone, carried to center ice, and fed senior defenseman Noel Feliciano.

With time winding down, Feliciano unleashed a high wrist shot that beat the Stoneham goalie blocker-side as the buzzer sounded a huge momentum swing heading into the second.

Wilmington carried that momentum into the middle frame, earning another power play midway through the period.

At 6:23 remaining, while still in their own end, Murphy broke up a Stoneham rush and left winger Colin Doherty picked up the loose puck. Doherty streaked west untouched and just inside the blue line ripped a laser top shelf glove side to tie the game at 2-2.

Despite strong defensive play from Devin MacDonald and Noel Feliciano, the period ended deadlocked, setting up a tense final 12 minutes.

Stoneham wasted little time in the third.

Just 1:01 in, a misplayed wraparound allowed the Spartans to sneak a cross-ice pass to the back door for the go ahead goal. They'd

extend their lead moments later when a shot from the point was stopped by Savoie, but a loose Stoneham winger buried the rebound to make it 4-2.

Wilmington refused to fold. With minutes remaining, Murphy led a rush

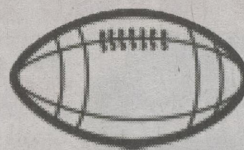
down the far-side boards and executed a crisp give and go with Doherty on a 2-on-1, finishing a back door goal at the far post to bring the Wildcats within one. The rink erupted by the many PeeWee Wildcats in the stands.

Stoneham sealed the win at 4:13 left, converting off a dump in play from behind the net for the final 5-3 score.

Wilmington's lineup depth was tested, skating without Alternate Captain Frank Cain Jr. and Mickey Moroney, both sidelined due to injury. Despite the loss, every Wildcat line from the top trio to the third unit of Cameron Jaynes, Antonio Braga, Andrew Larosse, and Cam Bennett contributed to the team's spirited effort.



▲ Wilmington's captain Nate Murphy celebrates his goal with spirited Wildcat fans.
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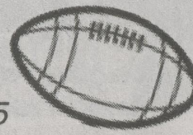
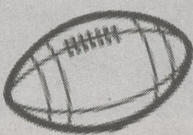
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▲ Scouting America Greater Boston honored three exemplary leaders to celebrate a new era in Scouting at the inaugural Merrimack Valley Good Scout Awards Luncheon. Pictured (left to right) are Joe Hungler, executive director of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell; Maria Gonzalez Moeller, chief executive officer of The Community Group in Lawrence; U.S. Representative Lori Trahan; and John Judge, chief executive of Scouting America Greater Boston.

(Courtesy photo)

Scouting America Greater Boston honors three impactful leaders at Merrimack Valley Good Scout Luncheon

DRACUT — Scouting America Greater Boston honored three exemplary leaders to celebrate a new era in Scouting at the inaugural Merrimack Valley Good Scout Awards Luncheon at Lenzi's in Dracut. The event honored Maria Gonzalez Moeller, chief executive officer of The Community Group in Lawrence; Joe Hungler, executive director of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell; and U.S. Representative Lori Trahan.

The Merrimack Valley Good Scout Luncheon recognized their impactful contributions to the betterment of youth and families. The Good Scout Award is given to people and organizations who have demonstrated integrity and genuine concern for others in their professional and personal lives. Recipients need not have been Scouts but must carry the "Spirit of Scouting" into their adult lives. Gonzalez Moeller is a longtime community leader with a passion for strengthening community partnerships to expand opportunities for families and advocating for accessible early education and care for all children.

She leads The Community Group, a nonprofit with a mission to create, manage, and nurture high-quality programs focused on education and related services that support families. The organization is chartering the first new Cub Scout pack to form in Lawrence since before the pandemic.

"I am truly honored by this recognition and grateful for the partnership between The Community Group and Scouting America," said Gonzalez Moeller. "Bringing Scouting back to Lawrence is about more than just restarting a program, it's about giving children the chance to discover their strengths, build character, and feel

connected to something bigger than themselves. This collaboration reflects our shared commitment to creating experiences that empower children, strengthen families, and build a stronger community."

Joe Hungler is a dedicated nonprofit leader, youth advocate, and community ambassador. As executive director of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell, he has worked to provide young people with opportunities, experiences, connections, and resources necessary to access a great future.

"We've seen firsthand at the Club how impactful it is when youth reconnect with the natural world and get back outdoors," said Hungler. "Amid the technology explosion consuming kids and teens these days, Scouting is a critical resource providing kids and teens leadership skills, allowing them to benefit from the outdoors and develop a healthy appreciation for nature."

Congresswoman Trahan, a Democrat, represents Massachusetts' Third Congressional District, consisting of 35 cities and towns including her hometown of Lowell. The granddaughter of immigrants, Trahan advocates for programs that support local youth and families and uplift our communities. She serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the subcommittees on Commerce, Manufacturing & Trade, Health, and Oversight and Investigations.

"Scouting America empowers young people with the skills, confidence, and character they need to thrive in school, in their careers, and in life. Just as importantly, Scouting teaches timeless values — kindness, service, respect, and responsibility — that strengthen our communities. I've seen

firsthand the positive impact these programs have across the Merrimack Valley, and I'm honored to receive this award alongside remarkable leaders whose organizations also open doors for the next generation to succeed. At a time when our world needs more unity and compassion, Scouting helps light the way," said Congresswoman Lori Trahan.

About Scouting America Greater Boston (The Spirit of Adventure Council)

Scouting America Greater Boston is one of the most diverse and impactful youth organizations in Massachusetts. The Council serves 76 towns and communities in Massachusetts, including all of Boston, and proudly supports more than 7,300 Scouts and 3,150 volunteers.

We are home to the most popular Scouting facility in the nation, New England Base Camp in Milton, which, along with one other camp property, provides programs for more than 35,000 campers and guests each year. Base Camp is open to the public year-round and is widely considered the region's top outdoor adventure location.

The Merrimack Valley Good Scout Luncheon supports all youth programs administered by the Spirit of Adventure Council throughout the region. The Council has led a revival of Scouting in the Merrimack Valley and is leading the charge to get our children back outdoors and having fun. Earlier this year,

The Boy Scouts' name officially changed to Scouting America, to reflect the diversity and inclusion that is a source of pride for Scouting and the Spirit of Adventure Council.

ces. Contact Paige Impink at pfimpink@comcast.net to learn more and receive a location.

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OBITUARY

Susan Jean Long Opened 'Custom Stitch' in Wilmington

Susan Jean Long, 69, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Nov. 5 with her devoted family by her side. She was the beloved wife of Jeffrey Benrimo, with whom she had shared 14 wonderful years of marriage.

Born in Boston on Sept. 26, 1956, she was the middle child of nine to the late Frederick and Jean (Freeman) Long, survived by Susan Gallagher Long, Frederick's second wife.

Sue was raised in South Boston and graduated from Cardinal Cushing High School. From a young age, Sue loved fashion, being creative and mastering her seamstress skills.

With a deeply rooted entrepreneurial spirit, Sue managed to turn her passion into her career by opening her own embroidery and alterations shop "Custom Stitch" in Wilmington. Sue also worked as a banquet waitress for the Marriott Long Wharf while continuing to run her business in order to provide for her children.

Sue always said being a mother, and later a grandmother, was her greatest achievement of all. Taking "mystery rides" was also one of her favorite past times that she started with her children, then

carried on with her grandchildren.

In her seldom free time, Sue jumped at any opportunity to go swimming. Her favorite spot was swimming laps around the lake at the Long Family cottage in Plymouth.

Sue will always be remembered for her vibrant spirit, uplifting humor, and the abundance of love she spread to everyone.

Along with her dear husband Jeff, Sue is survived by her adoring children, Brian Binkoski and his girlfriend Amy of Plymouth, Brendan Binkoski and his wife Katherine of South Boston, and Tara Pawlak and her husband Erik of Connecticut; her cherished grandchildren, Jaxson Pawlak, Savannah Pawlak, Lucy Binkoski, Baylor Pawlak, Grace Binkoski, and Ada Sue Binkoski; her beloved siblings, Stephen (Elaine), Dianne Paskievich (George), Timothy (Sheila), Daniel (Mary Lynn), Mary Ellen Neary (Russ), Christopher, Sean (Annamarie).

Also survived by her siblings-in-law, Martin (Biviana) Benrimo, and Thomas Benrimo, as well as many beloved nieces, nephews, outlaws (Sue's term), and friends.

Sue was a loving sister to



the late David Long and his wife Barbara.

Relatives and friends were invited to attend visitation on Wednesday, Nov. 12 from 4 until 7 p.m. at the Edward V. Sullivan Funeral Home, 43 Winn St., Burlington. Her Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, Nov. 13 at 10 a.m. at St. Margaret's Church, 111 Winn St., Burlington. Burial will immediately follow in Pine Haven Cemetery, Burlington.

As an expression of sympathy, in lieu of flowers, donations in Sue's honor may be made to either the Mass General Hospital ALS Healy Clinic, Care Dimensions Hospice, or the CCALS Foundation in Falmouth.

Mass. House passes legislation to strengthen home care standards and remove outdated language on disability

BOSTON — This week, Rep. Tram T. Nguyen (D-Andover) joined her colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives in passing two bills focused on improving quality and safety in home care services and removing outdated language related to persons with disabilities.

The first bill establishes a licensure process for home care agencies to ensure that consumers receive quality non-medical services and that home care workers are protected. The legislation tasks the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) with implementing the licensure process and authorizes the agency to approve licenses, survey and investigate home care agencies, and impose fines when appropriate.

Under the bill, home care agencies will be required to:

- Disclose anyone with at least a five percent ownership interest in the agency;
- Carry workers' compensation and liability insurance;
- Provide appropriate training for employees; and
- Comply with new standards for service plans, consumer contracts, and quality monitoring.

"Families rely on home care workers every day, and those workers de-

serve the same protections and accountability we expect in any profession," said Representative Tram T. Nguyen (D-Andover). "This law ensures both safety for clients and fairness for workers."

The legislation also creates two advisory councils: the Home Care Oversight Advisory Council to help guide the development and implementation of the home care licensure process, and the Home Care Worker and Consumer Abuse Stakeholder Advisory Committee to make recommendations on standards and procedures to address the abusive treatment of home care workers, personal care attendants (PCAs), and home care consumers. The bill also grants additional anti-discrimination protections for PCAs.

Additional provisions strengthen worker protections by requiring safe working conditions, adequate training, and a process for submitting complaints. The bill also extends anti-discrimination protections to PCAs and establishes minimum annual training requirements covering confidentiality, infection control, emergency handling, abuse prevention, and Alzheimer's and dementia care.

Bill removes out-of-date and offensive terms

related to persons with disabilities

The House also unanimously passed a second bill that removes outdated and offensive terms related to persons with disabilities from the Massachusetts General Laws. The legislation eliminates outdated terms such as "handicapped," "disabled," and the "r-word," replacing them with current terminology such as "person with a disability."

Last year, the Massachusetts Legislature renamed the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) as Mass Ability, a change that defines the agency's role in supporting residents with disabilities to live independently. The name change reflects the intention to empower individuals living with disabilities and move away from outdated terminology as the office undergoes broad changes towards a more expansive model for disability employment services and independent living.

"The words in our laws should reflect the values of our Commonwealth," continued Nguyen. "This update affirms our commitment to treating people with disabilities with the dignity and respect they deserve."

Both bills now move to the Massachusetts Senate for consideration.

Decorate open space parks in Tewksbury

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Open Space Committee is welcoming town committees, departments, and nonprofits to create a display on one of three open space parks in town.

For the past several

years, community groups have decorated the Pinnacle Trails, Rogers Park, and the Chandler Well Fields. It's a great opportunity to encourage people to get out in the colder weather and enjoy our natural spaces.

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Town committees, depts., non-profits asked to create a display at town parks

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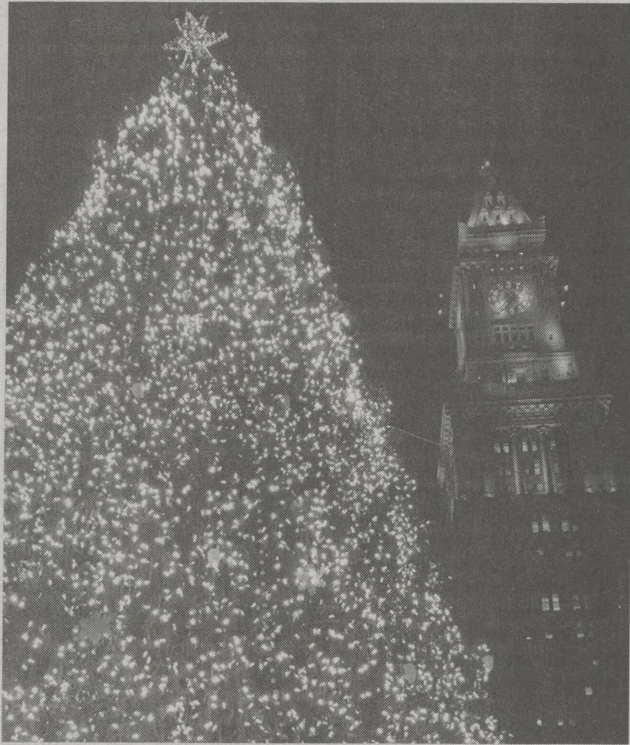
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▲ Tree at Boston's Faneuil Hall Marketplace

By **HEATHER BURNS**
News Correspondent

At this time of year, the sight of rotting jack-o-lanterns perched on every front porch is a common occurrence.

Unpleasant as this view may be to some, to others it is a sure sign that the holiday seasons are about to change.

As we say goodbye to Halloween for another year, many will welcome the Christmas season with open arms in excitement of the many holiday light displays that are sure to come.

Locally, the towns of Tewksbury and Wilmington already have plans in place for tree lighting ceremonies for the upcoming month of December.

But for those who can't

get enough of the countdown sensation of illuminating thousands of twinkling lights, fear not, for the City of Boston has you covered from late November into December with multiple holiday lighting ceremonies planned.

On Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 11 a.m., Boston's official 2025 Boston Common Tree will arrive from Nova Scotia.

Although this 45-foot tall white spruce will not be lit immediately upon arrival, Santa will be on hand for the arrival of the tree to hand out candy canes and welcome this season's starring spruce to the Boston area in anticipation of the upcoming tree lighting event.

The actual lighting ceremony for this Beantown tradition will take place on Thursday, Dec. 4, 2025

at 6 p.m.

For those who can not make it into the city that night, the holiday event will be broadcasted live on WCVB Channel 5 starting at 7 p.m.

For the die-hard Christmas light lover who can not possibly wait until December to see a spectacle of holiday lights on display, you are in luck.

The holiday tradition of the Lighting of the Tree at Faneuil Hall will take place on Saturday, Nov. 22, 2025.

This year's 50-foot tree comes from Northern Michigan, and will be decorated with one mile of lights and over 900 ornaments.

This event will happen from 2 until 7 p.m., and take place at the West End between Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market.

Activities include live entertainment, lots of seasonal treats, and even an appearance by Santa Claus.

On Monday, Nov. 24, from 5 to 6 p.m., Boston's historic waterfront will be transformed into a sparkling holiday display of lights at the Lighting of the Trellis at Christopher Columbus Park.

Located at 110 Atlantic Ave. in Boston, you can witness the lighting of 50,000 lights along the 260 foot trellis, as well as 14 trees that can be found throughout the park.

On Saturday, Nov. 29 from 5 to 6 p.m., attended the 5th annual Park Celebration at the Smith Family Waterfront Friends of Martin's Park, located at 64 Sleeper St. in South Boston.

This climate resilient park was built in memory of Martin W. Richard, the youngest victim of the Boston Marathon bombing.

The park provides a fun space for children and families of all abilities to get together and play, and the centerpiece of this park's play structure is a ship that will be lit for the holidays.

Once the calendar changes to December, the Copley Square Tree Lighting will take place on Monday,

Dec. 1, from 4 to 6 p.m.

This is the first time there will be a tree at 560 Street in the Back Bay since 2022.

The Copley Place holiday event will feature the arrival of Santa and Rudolph, plus music and refreshments to celebrate the re-opening of this newly renovated park.

Immediately following the Dec. 4 Boston Common Tree Lighting ceremony there will be the Lighting of the Commonwealth Mall and Charlesgate Park, located along Arlington Street and Commonwealth Avenue, and will take place at 8:15 p.m., courtesy of the Friends of the Public Garden.

On Friday Dec. 5, from 5 to 8 p.m., enjoy a night of sparkling lights in the heart of Boston's Seaport area with Betty the Yeti, music and holiday fun at the Light Up Seaport event located at Seaport Common.

Seaport's Snowport Winter Festival, located at 60 Seaport Blvd, will also host a Menorah Lighting on Sunday, Dec. 21, 2025.

The 2025 Menorah Lighting on Boston Common will be held from Dec. 14 through 22, with a giant 22-foot Menorah.

The Menorah will be on display in Boston Common near the Park Street Station, and is considered one of the largest Menorahs in New England.

Faneuil Hall also plans to hold a Menorah Lighting, but has not yet released any details on this event. Updates for this event can be found on their website at www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com.

This November, prepare yourself for the busy holiday season ahead by scheduling some time to enjoy the fun of the season before the holiday hustle and bustle begins.

Attending one of the many Boston holiday lighting events is a sure way to spark some much needed Christmas spirit within you that may just carry you through the rush of the remaining holiday season.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to Ray Derderian of 7 King St. in Wilmington MA, 01887 who is the last registered owner of a 2017 Hyundai Sonata Vin# 5N-PE34AF144480913 that this vehicle will be sold at auction on or about 11-23-25 at Forrest Towing Inc., 600 Main Street, Wilmington MA. The vehicle will be auctioned to recover towing and storage charges that are past due.

251147 10/30, 11/6, 12/25

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Thursday, November 20, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Wilmington High School
Joanne M. Benton Auditorium
159 Church Street

251119 10/30, 11/13/25

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate
and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801

CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED
PERSON PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

Docket No. MI25P5773GD

In the matter of:
Charlene Dennehey
Of: Tewksbury, MA
RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Lahey Hospital and Medical Center of Burlington, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Charlene Dennehey is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 12/05/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 07, 2025
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
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PERSON PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

Docket No. MI25P5649GD

In the matter of:
Andrew Beaton
Of: Tewksbury, MA
RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Mass Dept of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Andrew Beaton is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 11/26/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 29, 2025
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS

REQUEST FOR SERVICES

DESIGNER SERVICES
NORTH WILMINGTON FIRE
SUBSTATION

Qualified firms are advised that the Town of Wilmington, the "Owner," is seeking statements of qualifications to serve as the Designer during the feasibility study and schematic design phase of the North Wilmington Fire Substation.

Sealed responses, clearly labeled "Designer RFS Feasibility and Schematic - North Wilmington Fire Substation", (SQO) are to be submitted no later than December 4th, 2025, at 10:00 AM to Mr. Eric Slagle, Town Manager, Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Room 11, Wilmington, MA 01887.

Each proponent shall submit five (5) hard copies of the response to this Request for Qualifications (RFS) and one electronic version in PDF format on a flash drive. Each response shall clearly identify the proponent's name and business address. This RFS may be obtained electronically by visiting the Town of Wilmington website <http://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department> until the scheduled submission date. Late responses will not be accepted.

The Town shall not be responsible for proposals arriving late due to couriers, deliveries to wrong locations, express mailing services etc. or any reason whatsoever. Postmarks will not be considered. Proposals submitted via email or fax will not be considered.

The Town of Wilmington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age or disability in employment for the provision of services. The Town reserves the right to reject any responses or any part thereof in response to this RFS or take any other action as the Town may deem to be in its best interest.

R. Eric Slagle
Town Manager

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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
SELECT BOARD

A Public Hearing to provide an open forum for the discussion of local property tax policy with reference to classification for FY 2026 taxation purposes will be held at the Town Hall on Monday, November 24, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

Interested taxpayers may present their views on classification policy at the hearing or in writing to the Town Manager's Office until 4:30 p.m. on that date.

Frank J. West, Sr., Chair
Select Board
251190 11/13/25

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on December 2, 2025 at 7:10 p.m. in Room 9 in Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for Site Plan Review #25-03, plan entitled, "T-Mobile Site Number: 4BSM194A, BU #: 875104, Crown Castle Site Name: Crocker Property, 26 Upton Drive, Wilmington, MA 01887, Existing 116'-0" Monopole", dated September 5, 2025, last revised October 7, 2025, prepared by Maham Barimani, P.E., Applicant: Sprint Spectrum LLC, 1800 W. Park Drive, Ste. 200, Westborough, MA 01581. The application is for replacing equipment on the existing telecommunication monopole and in existing equipment cabinets. Said property is located at 26 Upton Drive and shown on Assessor's Map R1 Parcel 18G.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during normal business hours.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
251192 11/13, 20/25



▲ Tree in Boston's Seaport

LEGAL NOTICE



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10-U Commerce Way
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(781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI25P4950EA

Estate of:
Carol Jean MacMullin
Also known as:
Carol J MacMullin
Date of Death: 04/15/2025

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Paul T MacMullin, Jr. of Wilmington MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Paul T MacMullin, Jr. of Wilmington MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/04/2025.

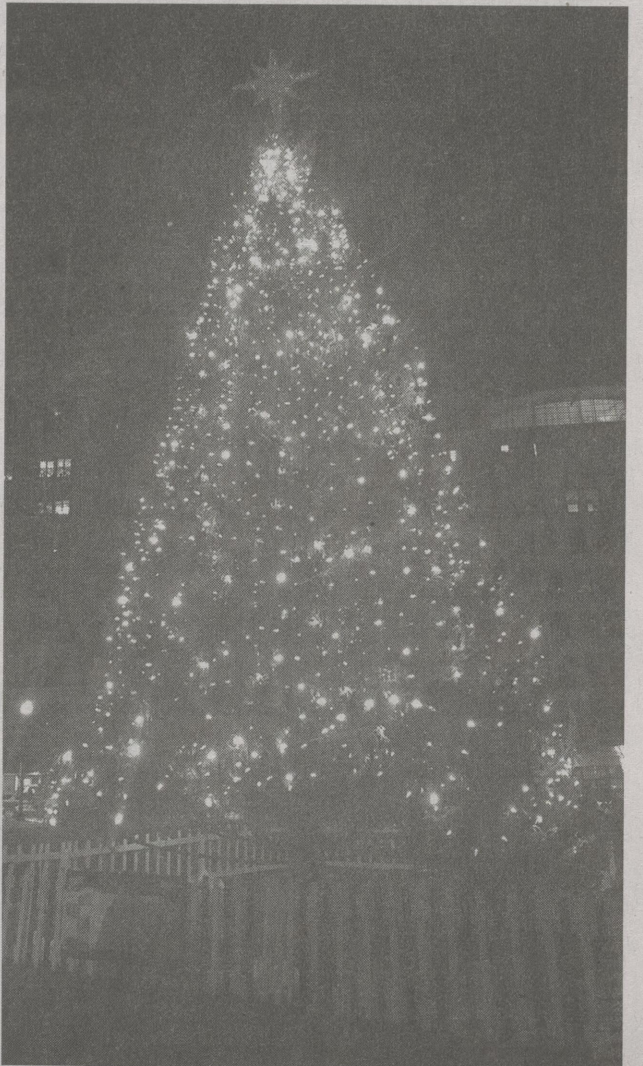
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UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION UNDER
THE MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE
CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court. Date: November 06, 2025
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

251202 11/13/25



▲ Tree on Boston Common

Muni family's generous gift transforms Winchester Hospital's Wilmington Medical Center

WINCHESTER — On Oct. 30, Winchester Hospital hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the newly named Muni Family Medical Center in Wilmington, marking the completion of extension renovations to the medical facility made possible by a landmark philanthropic gift from the Muni family. Hospital leadership, staff and the Muni family and friends gathered to mark the milestone.

"Over the last 40 years, Winchester Hospital has felt like home," said former Winchester Hospital Board member Indu Muni. "My wife worked here and often brought our sons along. We've been part of this community as both patients and employees. To us, this is not a donation or a gift; it's a family contribution."

The Muni family's connection to Winchester Hospital is deep and longstanding. Indu and Gita Muni have supported the hospital since 2016, including a 2022 renovation of the Winchester Hospital cafeteria. Indu served on the hospital's Board of Trustees; Gita worked in the Muni Family Medical Center's laboratory; and their son, Sheel Muni, has served in Food Services for more than 20 years.

Continuing this legacy, their son Neal Muni, MD, MSc, joined the Board of Trustees on Oct. 1.

Hospital leaders thanked the Muni family for their longstanding support.

"We are grateful to the Muni family for their generosity and enduring commitment to our mission," said Tim Jones, MBA, FACHE, Interim President

of Winchester Hospital. "Their support continues a long tradition of community partnership that defines Winchester Hospital."

Looking ahead, Matthew Hinkle, MHA, BSN, RN, Chief Operating Officer at Winchester Hospital, said, "The Muni Family Medical Center renovations will reimagine how we deliver care, with spaces designed to better support patients, families and the caregivers who serve them. This project represents a significant investment in the future of community health."

For 25 years, the Muni Family Medical Center has served as a pillar of care for surrounding communities. With this modernization, made possible through philanthropy, it is poised to continue that mission for decades to come.

About Winchester Hospital

Winchester Hospital is a 229-bed facility and leading provider of comprehensive health care services in northwest suburban Boston offering a broad range of surgical specialties, including general, bariatric, urologic, thoracic, otolaryngology (ENT),

vascular, and orthopedic surgery. They also deliver care in other areas, including pediatrics, cardiology, pulmonary medicine, oncology, gastroenterology, rehabilitation, radiation oncology, pain management, obstetrics/gynecology, and a Level IIB Special Care Nursery.

For more information about Winchester Hospital, visit www.winchester-hospital.org.

Winchester Hospital is part of Beth Israel Lahey

Health, a health care system that brings together academic medical centers and teaching hospitals, community and specialty hospitals, more than 4,800 physicians and 38,000 employees in a shared mission to expand access to great care and advance the science and practice of medicine through groundbreaking research and education.

For more information about Beth Israel Lahey Health, please visit www.bilh.org.



▲ From left are David Hyman, Market Vice President, Philanthropy, Beth Israel Lahey Health; Maddie Phadke, Executive Director, Philanthropy, Beth Israel Lahey Health; Catherine Robertson, MPH, Vice President of Ambulatory Services; Matt Hinkle, MHA, BSN, RN, Chief Operating Officer; Karen Keaney, MPAH, RN, ACHCE, NEA-BC, Chief Nursing Officer & Vice President of Patient Care Services; Rakhi (Teena) Kohli, MD, MS; Sheel Muni, Gita Muni, MS, MT; Tim Jones, Interim President, Winchester Hospital; Indu Muni, PhD; Beth Taylor, MBA, Executive Director of Human Resources, Winchester Hospital; Neal Muni, MD; Bill McCance, Board of Trustees Chair, Winchester Hospital. (Courtesy photo)

Town outperforms on Civics exam

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have declined over the past three years."

She also took note that in this year's new Civics exam, Wilmington students outperformed the state in all three domains.

Next, she discussed the 10th grade, which significantly underperformed this year. While the town is still outdoing the state, "it was unexpected to see the drop we saw this year for ELA," she explained.

After discussing the grade-by-grade test levels, Elliott detailed how Open Architects was able to help her and her team understand the data. It also proved useful in making informed decisions on what their next steps should be.

Among those recommendations was the utilization of small group targeted instruction.

Overall, though, she believes that Wilmington can largely "stay the course" in regards to MCAS preparation.

Concluding her presentation, Elliott fielded questions from the School Committee.

Vice-chair Jennifer Bryson pointed out that there is limited time in English flex blocks and wanted to know if the school district is ensuring that enough time is devoted to writing.

Elliott assured Bryson that "the time has been dedicated in our curriculum," and the focus now is to learn how to best use that time. She agreed, though, that

balancing time for both reading and writing can be a complicated matter.

Committee Secretary Stephen Turner voiced concern over the data being amalgamated into more general points, but Elliott explained that a much more thorough analysis of the data is also available. Ragsdale added that this information can be accessed through the DESE profiles website.

He also stated that one writing prompt given to elementary students taking the MCAS was a problem for much of the Commonwealth, not just Wilmington. This question, he claimed, could be an additional explanation for the drop in elementary ELA MCAS results.

Ragsdale went on to comment, "There seems to be no doubt that the passage of Question 2 last year affected grade 10 results." This could be a big reason for the unexplained drop in performance, he argued.

The importance of focusing on 3rd grade students was also brought up, as they are the age group that missed out on pre-school during and following the pandemic. This, one member suggested, poses a unique challenge to educators compared to teaching other students.

In response to another question, Elliott assured the committee that she and her team are looking closely at high performing districts to see what they can learn from how others have approached post-pandemic education. This work, she hopes, will bring Wilmington closer to pre-pandemic test score levels.

The final question came from Nicholas Golden, who wanted to know why students are performing so much better in science as compared to the other subjects. Elliott stated that this could be because of the hands-on nature of science education, as well as the large amount of resources available for science teachers and students alike.

"We're going to keep doing what we're doing," Elliott concluded.

Goal to be proactive, not reactive

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dance and the availability to learn is just the first step, and I'm really glad that's one of your main goals," Turner replied.

David Ragsdale asked if absences were concentrated in any specific school or area. The team responded that the Wildwood School has historically struggled more with absences but they would be looking into this matter more closely in the future.

Ragsdale also wondered if there was a way to get ahead of specific student absences before they become an issue. One principal assured him that, using the educator's tool Aspen, they are able to stay on top of the data. They even get alerts when a student

reaches five absences, she continued.

Their goal, as one of them put it, is "to be proactive, not reactive."

In response to who would be in charge of the student absence teams, one principal answered that the team would be made up of a faculty member, a counselor, the school principal, and the nurse.

Vice-chair Jennifer Bryson expressed her excitement for the team's goal on increasing family engagement and satisfaction. She also highlighted the importance of having the communication with parents be a two-way street, asking how the town could better elicit family feedback.

In response, the principals referred back to their plan for a family

satisfaction survey, but also mentioned doing Zoom panels to make themselves more accessible to parents.

Turner then remarked that careful and considered translations for these surveys would be key to their success.

Ragsdale had additional questions on how family satisfaction would be measured, to which the principals again referred back to the survey and their plan to work closely with parents on how to set up said survey.

Finally, one member of the committee thanked Dr. Carreiro, the principal of the North Intermediate School, for all of her hard work and wished her the best of luck in her career moving forward.

17 people applied for supt. position

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ferent grants that may or may not be available to the town.

Following two other presentations, the committee heard an update on the search for a permanent superintendent from Alicia Madeline of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

She went on to detail her and her team's work and recommendations.

First, Madeline stated that they received 17 applications for the position. From these 17 individuals, the screening committee voted to move seven semi-finalists to the next round for interviews. Following these interviews, her team voted unanimously on three finalists.

The first candidate is Dr. Patricia Haynes, the assistant superintendent in Portsmouth, NH.

Second is Dr. Brandi Kwong, the superintendent in Methuen. Lastly,

there is Mr. Matthew Poska, the assistant superintendent for secondary education in Nashua, NH.

Madeline clarified that, while not all of the candidates currently work in Massachusetts, "All three of them do hold certification already in the state of Massachusetts for superintendency."

She continued by saying that the next round of interviews for the candidates will take place on Nov. 17 and Nov. 18 as to fit into the committee's schedule.

The committee then voted unanimously to approve the slate of candidates.

Bryson asked the other members of the committee to send her their three questions for the interviews by early next week, as she will be spearheading the search.

Following this discussion, they then voted to move four policies from the Policy Subcommittee to second readings at

their next regular meeting.

These policies include an update to the district's graduation requirements and the creation of a competency determination policy following the approval of Question 2, the removal of MCAS as a prerequisite for graduating.

Ragsdale reiterated that there would be no formal vote on these matters, as they were only to be moved to a second reading.

Chair Jesse Fennelly concluded the meeting by mentioning the postponement of the YSRB survey. He explained that this was done to give the Wellness Committee more time to review and update their recommendations. He also noted that it will be important to make it clear to students and their families that, if they so wish, they can opt out of any question on the survey or even the survey as a whole.

INDEPENDENT WRITING POSITION

Part time writing position available covering local government, feature articles, some evening assignments. Additional writing assignments possible.

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Wilmington hosts tree lighting on Dec. 6

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025, the Wilmington Fourth of July Committee will host the annual Town of Wilmington Tree Lighting Ceremony.

This family fun holiday event will take place on the grounds of the Wilmington Common, located at 220 Middlesex Ave., from 4 to 7 p.m.

Join in for some season fun and community spirit by partaking in some of the many activities scheduled for the afternoon.

Glow sticks will be provided for children and all are encouraged to join in for caroling led by the Wilmington High School a cappella group, “Soundscape” or take a ride on the horse-drawn hayride.

Also on hand will be the Wilmington Minute-men with lanterns, and a variety of clergy from parishes throughout the town to present the Story of Christmas.

Complimentary cookies baked by the Shaw-

sheen Tech Culinary Arts students will be provided to all, and hot chocolate will be served by the WHS cheerleaders.

To add to the festivity of the afternoon, a holiday ice sculpture will be donated to the event by the Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce.

Santa himself will arrive promptly at 5:45 p.m. to lead the countdown to light the common, and he will be available for photos after the lighting ceremony.

In keeping with the spirit of the season, members of the Wilmington Fire Department will be in attendance collecting new, unwrapped toys to be donated to needy families within the community.

Please consider donating a new, unwrapped toy to this worthy cause.

Parking for this event will be available at the Wilmington High School parking lot, at the Fourth of July Building, and the Wilmington Public Library.



(Courtesy photo)

Ahern Family Charitable Foundation to host annual Army-Navy Football Lunch

WOBURN — The Ahern Family Charitable Foundation will hold its 22nd Annual Army-Navy Football Luncheon fundraiser on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025 at the Scoreboard Sports Bar & Grill in Woburn. The annual fundraiser benefits Massachusetts children of fallen and deployed troops this holiday season through Operation Santa-Massachusetts, a program created in partnership with the Military Friends Foundation.

Tickets are available now at ahernfoundation.org.

Guests will gather to watch the 126th Army-Navy Game — one of America’s most storied sports rivalries — across dozens of widescreen HDTVs throughout Scoreboard. In

addition to game-day excitement, attendees will enjoy a buffet lunch, raffles, and silent and live auctions.

Local media personalities, entertainers, and business leaders will join the event’s Honorary Host Committee. Special guests include GBH’s David O’Leary, WBZ 1030AM Traffic Reporter Lori Grande, WBZ 1030AM’s Matt Phipps, CBS Boston Reporter Levan Reid, Boston 25 News Chief Meteorologist Kevin Lemanowicz, comedian David Russo, and others.

Founded in 2001 following the 9/11 attacks, the Ahern Family Charitable Foundation is a Massachusetts-based nonprofit committed to supporting

veterans, active-duty military, and their families through targeted financial grants to military support organizations.

Funds raised at the luncheon will support Operation Santa-Massachusetts in partnership with the Military Friends Foundation, which provides financial assistance to families of the Massachusetts National Guard and Reserve. Proceeds will help provide holiday gift cards to more than 100 children of deployed or fallen Massachusetts service members.

To date, the Army-Navy Football Luncheon has raised more than \$150,000 for this effort.

“We’re grateful to return for our 22nd year and

thankful for the steadfast support of the Military Friends Foundation and the Crowne Plaza and Scoreboard teams,” said Bob Ahern, President of the Ahern Family Charitable Foundation. “Supporting the children of our deployed and fallen service members is at the heart of why we do this.”

The 22nd annual Army-Navy Football Luncheon will take place December 13 at Scoreboard Sports Bar & Grill located at 15 Middlesex Canal Park Dr, Woburn, MA 01801.

For tickets and additional information about the Army-Navy Football Luncheon and Ahern Family Charitable Foundation, visit ahernfoundation.org.

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House is free for anyone 10 and under and is just \$5 for anyone 11 and older with a \$10 max per family. Doors open at 10 a.m. and close at the conclusion of a train-set raffle, set to happen at 3 p.m. The club is located on the second floor at 5 Waltham St. in Wilmington. Plenty of free parking is available and an elevator can take you to the second floor or you can use the stairs.

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Railers is a 501 C 3 Tax Exempt organization whose purpose is educational in nature and looks forward to continuing and expanding the mission to “promote and encourage participation in the model railroading hobby through educational, nonprofit and charitable activities with emphasis on preserving our nation’s railroading heritage through the maintenance, operation and demonstration of model railroading.”

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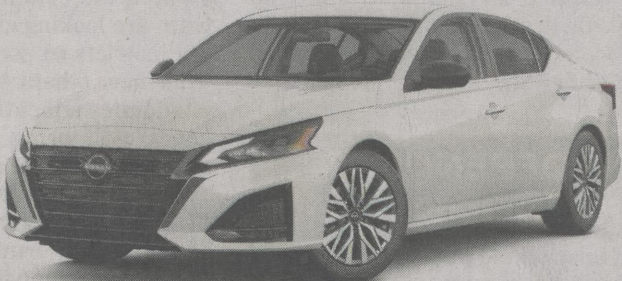
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CASH OR
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